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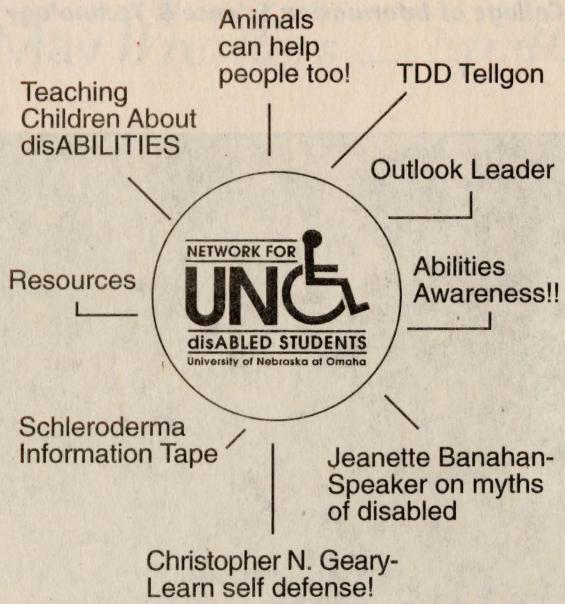
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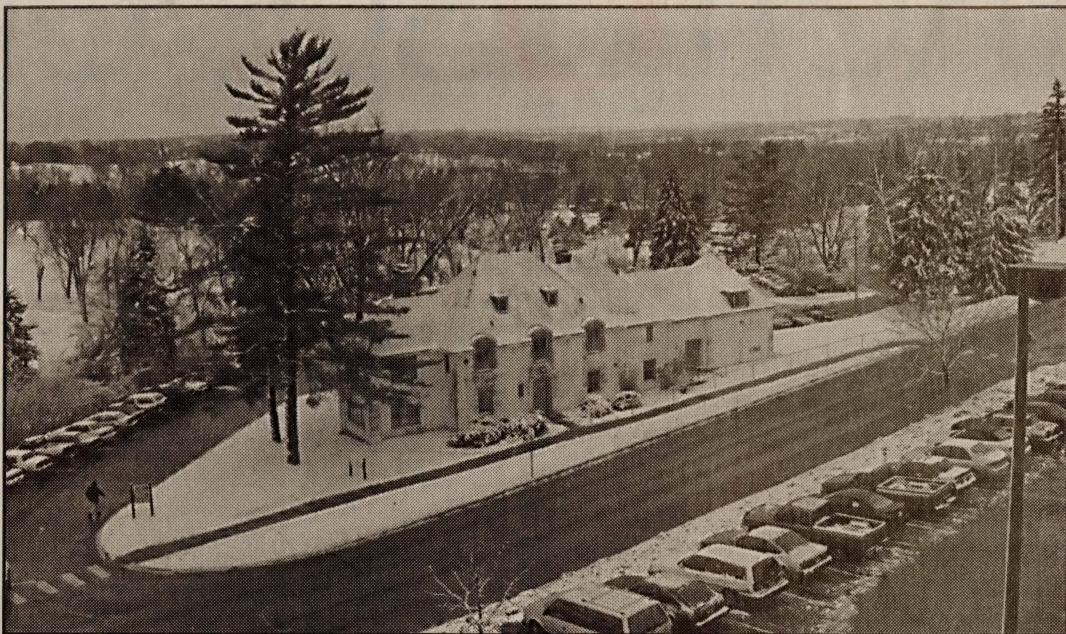
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*photo by Steve Houlton*

# Dorms *Approved*



*photo by Steve Houlton*

**by Kristine Kohlmeier**

Over the course of two semesters, UNO has changed the future of Omaha's "commuter campus."

Plans for on-campus housing had long been discussed, but last semester serious strides were taken to ensure the university would have residence halls by the end of the century.

Although Chancellor Belek is new to UNO's campus, she's no newcomer to introducing campus housing. She oversaw the development of dormitories while at Louisiana State University, Shreveport, and knows how on-campus housing can benefit a school.

Two problems faced the planners of the halls. The first was finding a location where they could be built. The second was deciding how they should be built.

Young Park was considered for a location,

defeated the purpose of on-campus housing. Finally, sites near the Goodrich Building and on the land currently occupied by the Criminal Justice Building were picked for construction of the six residence halls.

seemed a better choice.

After presentations from numerous firms, Century Development was contracted to build the halls. The company operates 20 projects mainly in the South. Their policy is one of no risk, meaning Century is responsible for maintenance and all liability associated with the housing. This feature of the contract is especially popular with Universities just beginning to build dorms.

At the January 17 meeting of the Board of Regents plans to make dorms were finalized by a 7-1 vote.

While contracts with Century were being

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## ***Groundbreaking for the dorms is scheduled for summer 1998 and they will open in fall 1999.***

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but Elmwood Park residents protested the razing of the natural amphitheater and location of "Shakespeare on the Green." The former AKsarben site was rejected because it

The concept of dorm-style housing had been quickly ruled out. Administration expected UNO's housing to be more popular with older students. Therefore, apartment-like units

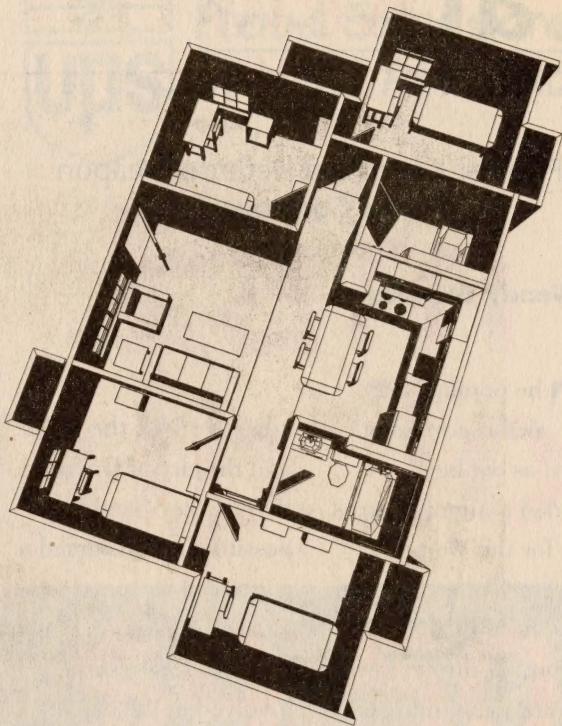
negotiated, a small controversy erupted. Some students felt the dorms were not well equipped for motion-disabled students. They cited the lack of elevators as a main concern.

Administration defended Century, and said the plans met all legal standards and had extra features, like extra wide doorways in every room on the first level. Student Senate discussed the issue and decided the plans were compatible for motion disabled students in the original architectural plans.

Groundbreaking for the halls is scheduled for summer 1998 and they

will open in fall 1999. The 144 suites will accommodate 576 students. The priority groups are currently honors and international students, athletes, and students to which UNO has a statewide responsibility.

UNO hopes adding dorms will enable students to take a larger part in school activities. On-campus housing may also prevent many students from leaving Omaha simply to experience "dorm life." Hopefully, the halls will enable college students to get more out of their experience at UNO. ■



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# Cat Keys

## Popular Key Chain Defense Weapon Proves Controversial

by Wendy Townley

The popular self-defense weapon known as cat keys provided a minor controversy for the Women's Resource Center this year.

The WRC had been distributing the cat keys for quite some time and, according to Director Eve McLain, distribution had been good.

The idea of the cat keys originated with Omaha Steel Company owner Ron Howlett.

Howlett's daughter, Patti, had been attacked and raped. Following this incident, Howlett decided to design a means of protection to ensure this would never happen again.

Howlett's efforts resulted in the Patti Key Defender, more commonly known as the cat key.

Despite the cat key's popularity, the WRC encountered a big snag in distributing them. In mid-January, the city prosecutor's office

advised UNO, the WRC and the city of Omaha that cat keys could possibly be considered a concealed weapon.

Approximately two days later, attorneys involved in the cat key case advised the university to end distribution.

Originally, a disclaimer, courtesy of the YWCA, was included with each cat key. The disclaimer explained that there are "several options

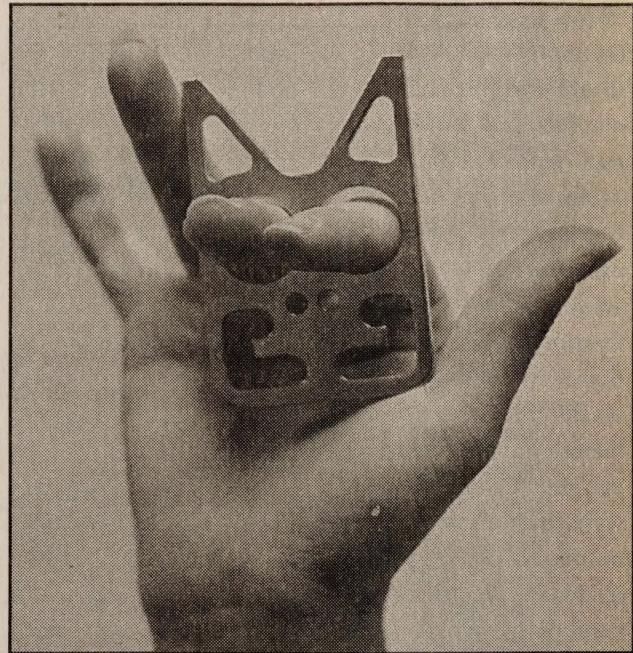


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warned the user that cat keys could be confiscated if discovered by metal detectors at places such as airports or security facilities.

After it was announced that the WRC would no longer distribute the cat keys, demand for them increased.

At that time, the WRC had a reserve of 1,000 that had not been given out. But approximately one month later the WRC reportedly was out.

According to Terry Howlett, son of Ron Howlett, each cat-key cost approximately \$1.30 to manufacture. In six to eight months, the Omaha Steel Company had distributed nearly 8,000 of them. Requests for the cat keys were referred to the Omaha Steel Company, McLain said.

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available to a woman when an attacker confronts her." It also urged cat key owners to "determine the options they are comfortable using when confronted."

The disclaimer

Finally, the disclaimer stated that the "YWCA does not endorse or guarantee the effectiveness of this product, nor does it take the responsibility for its use or misuse."

# Case Closed

by Tim Mills

**A**round 9:15 p.m. on Mar. 5, 1997, UNO instructor Heidi Hess was "doing her job by keeping the lab open," she told a *Gateway* reporter.

Hess was no stranger to the UNO campus. She had been involved with the UNO campus for close to 10 years, received her undergraduate degree in 1992 and became a teaching assistant. She received her master's degree in 1995. She also served as editor-in-chief at the *Gateway*, president of the Gay and Lesbian Student Organization and as a member of student senate.

A few minutes earlier, a traveling comedian from California, a stranger named Vinson Horace Champ, was walking the halls of the Arts and Sciences building, maybe remembering the other college hallways he'd lurked through. Champ covered his face with a black ski mask and entered the third floor computer lab.

Hess was alone in the room. "It happened so fast that I didn't even have time to turn around," Hess said.

When the attack was over, Hess returned to her computer where she

had been chatting on-line with a friend in Connecticut and typed a message stating that she had been raped.

At first, authorities were clueless as to the identity of Hess' attacker. They had no idea the man they sought had been charged with five other attacks.

On May 6, a man was charged with attempted rape in Pasadena, Calif. Local authorities saw similarities between the two attacks. Later that month, Champ was charged with first-degree sexual assault.

Champ plead no contest to the allegations against him and is currently awaiting sentencing. He could receive anywhere from one to 50 years in prison for the attack in Omaha. He's currently on trial for similar attacks.

Hess, who decided to go public to awaken others to the threat of rape, is trying to put the incident behind her and carry on with her life. After Champ's trial, she was quoted in the *Gateway* as saying, "I'm free and my life is on a steady incline. He will always be a convicted sex felon." ■



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# Two Storms *Too Many*



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by Renee Ryan

The only thing certain about Nebraska weather is its unpredictability.

UNO usually holds classes despite inclement weather, but in 1997-98 students and staff got two days off due to two terrible storms.

On Oct. 25, Omaha went to sleep with fairly dry streets and little warning of impending disaster. According to the *Omaha World Herald*, the city awoke to 9.2 inches of extremely heavy snow that had weighed down and snapped leaf-covered tree branches.

Fallen branches and parts of trees were everywhere and passable roads were no where to

be found. On Sunday most area churches and activities were canceled. The university was closed and clean-up crews had trouble getting out to uncover the city. The worst problem caused by the downed trees was the loss of power to over 100,000 homes, according to the *Omaha World Herald*.

The Omaha Public Power District was caught by surprise and could not restore power to every home until over one week later for some Omaha residents. The loss of heat, hot water, lights and refrigeration caused many Omahans to stay in nearby hotels. Some hotels did not even

have power for several hours. Relatives moved to houses with power; some just bundled up and faced the cold.

At 10:30 p.m. on Sunday night, classes were canceled for Monday, Oct. 27 for the morning but word did not come about the afternoon classes until 10:30 a.m. that day. Many students were already on their way to class or on campus by the time a decision was announced.

Neil Morgensen, assistant vice chancellor and director of facilities management planning at UNO, said it wasn't until Monday morning that the clean-up crew arrived on campus and realized that

they had quite a bit of cleaning up to do.

Many students who showed up for Monday afternoon classes were confused by conflicting announcements in the media. One student, Steven Andrews said, "I had one chance to listen to the news. I thought once was enough."

After a relatively mild winter, Omaha got another blast from mother nature on March 8. This time the weather reports predicted 12 inches of snow and winds up to 40 mph. City snow removal crews were stuck battling snowdrifts that reached as high as 4-5 feet. According to the *Omaha World Herald*,

the official amount of snow was 12.5 inches.

The city of Omaha was again crippled for a couple of days. On Sunday, Mar. 8 the university was closed and clean-up crews went to work.

According to Jim Veiga, manager of environmental services, the work was "demoralizing." The crew would get one area clear and the wind would blow the snow right back over it. The crew worked all day Sunday and finally went home for a few hours that night. Veiga said the crew was battling the winds, so it just seemed best to go home for the night.

Sunday night, Nancy Castilow, manager of university relations, called Channel 7 to give UNO's closing announcement for Monday classes. She said, "This wasn't a hard decision to make."

On the Monday, March 9, 10 p.m. newscast on KMTV, it was announced that classes for Tuesday would be held. Evening classes were not mentioned. WOWT reported that day classes would go on as scheduled but night classes were canceled.

On March 10, Tia Harrison of media relations sent a press release concerning class status at UNO. The

memo said night classes held at Omaha Public School locations were canceled, but the rest were on as scheduled.

The storms were an inconvenience to many but the damage to the trees from the fall storm was, in many cases, permanent and devastating. According to the Papio-Missouri River Natural Resources District, in the Omaha area alone, 7,000 trees were killed. They estimated over 60,000 trees suffered major damage from the storm.

Citizens all over the city helped clean up limbs and clear away areas. UNO wrestling

coach Mike Denney and his wrestlers pitched in on the Monday after the fall storm to help clean up tree limbs on campus and in Elmwood Park.

Veiga said UNO lost all their Bradford pear trees near the Fieldhouse along with a variety of other trees in other areas. He said the damage is covered by UNO's insurance.

UNO plans to plant shade trees such as swamp white oaks, burr oaks, and locust trees, according to Veiga. "We are going to use trees that don't break as easily this time." 

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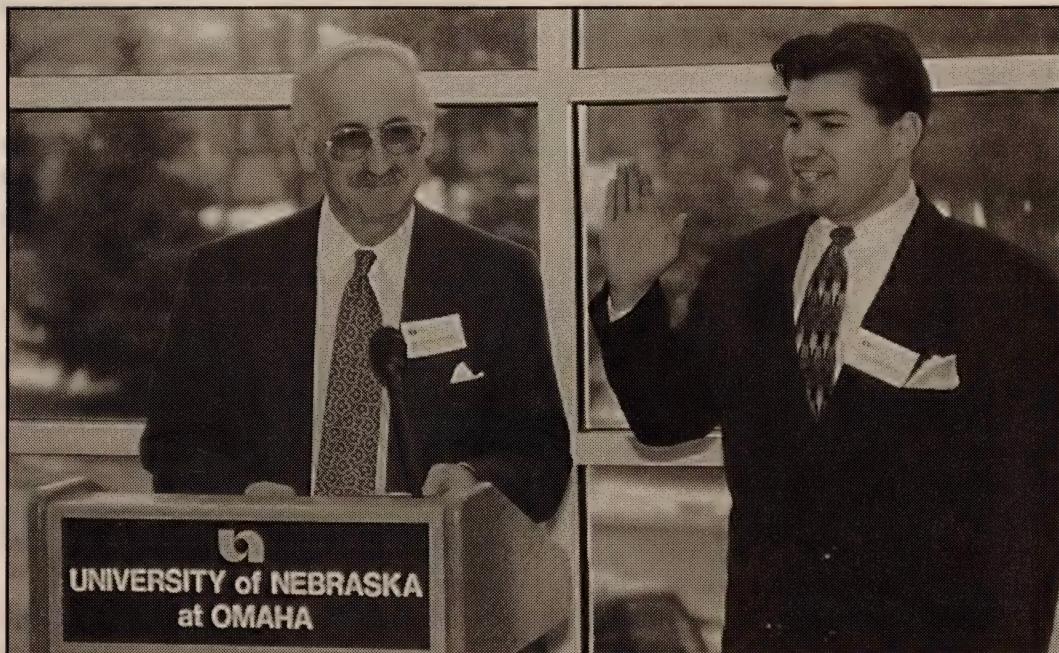
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# Sanchez *Elected*



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**by Dana Nelsen**

**U**NO Student President/Regent Joey Sanchez didn't believe he would win a run-off election against candidate Chris Gordon. However, when the results were announced, Sanchez had 556 votes as opposed to Gordon's 408.

Sanchez's campaign platform consisted of three key ideas: the establishment of a four-day fall break, a student outreach program and increasing minority retention by establishing a student advisory board.

Tara Knudson, the director of student organizations and leadership development said, "Sanchez has been very successful in pursuing these issues. He has

been in office a very short amount of time, only three months." Sanchez agrees that he has more work to do but believes he has already accomplished quite a bit.

ing survey results showed 80 percent of students surveyed agreed a fall break was necessary. To further expand interest, Sanchez met with other student president/regents

Determining an official calendar date for the break is the main hindrance now. Once an official date is determined, students can look forward to four days of vacation starting in the fall of year 2000.

Sanchez also supported the implementation of NU's observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. Observance of the holiday means a day without classes to show honor and respect to the former black leader. Next year, professors have the option of canceling classes (if possible) in order to observe the holiday. In year 2000, classes will mandatorily be canceled.

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— UNO Student President/  
Regent Joey Sanchez

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He focused on generating interest and rallying support for the academic "fall break" by distributing surveys to the student body. Review-

in the University of Nebraska system. He then voiced student's desires for a "fall break" to the Student Senate and the University of Nebraska Board of Regents.

scheduling more vacation, Sanchez has made student outreach a major theme this term for Student Government, which has pledged itself to being available to students. "I want the student body to know I am approachable and willing to listen to, and address, their concerns," Sanchez said. He also would like to encourage people to get involved at UNO.

"You don't have to be a senator before running for Student President/Regent," Sanchez advised. "Just get involved in Student Government or one of the many organizations on campus."

Sanchez has made staying in touch with the students needs and desires a focus of his presidency. For instance, when the idea of extending UNO's library hours was brought to his attention, he took the idea and ran with it. He proposed extending library hours until midnight from Sunday to Thursday to the Board of Regents. He also recommended later hours at the end of each semester before finals. He suggested the library temporarily remain open until 1 a.m. during the two weeks prior to semester finals. According to Sanchez, the regents support this idea and

hope to see it implemented as soon as they determine where the additional funding will come from.

Sanchez also proposed that a computer lab be placed in the Milo Bail Student Center. The added benefit of another computer lab would make existing labs less congested. He believes that by the end of his term students will have a computer lab in the Student Center if available funding allows.

It may seem Joey Sanchez has too many irons in the fire, however, Student Senate is optimistic about Sanchez's goals. "When he wants to accomplish something, he

gets it done," Senator Stacy Jo Moss said.

Senator Chris Kenny added, "I feel from past presidents, I haven't seen anyone do a better job."

Many agree that Sanchez's greatest qualification for Student President/Regent is his passion

"I feel my most important role as Student President/Regent is getting the student's concerns to the regents," Sanchez said, "and just being there for the students." He has made a point of attending various organizations across

**see SANCHEZ, pg. 19**

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# Dr. Nancy Belck

by Eileen Kenney

New Chancellor Prepares to Guide UNO into the Next Millennium



**I**t reads like a convoluted recipe or a countdown of gifts from the 12 days of Christmas. Twelve committee members, five months of looking, three eager finalists, two recruiting consultants, and a price tag of \$52,000 - but when all was said and done, UNO had a new chancellor, Dr. Nancy Belck.

Former Chancellor Del Weber announced his retirement plans in mid-January last year and the wheels were in motion on the search committee by the following week. The option of using a search firm was proposed by University of Nebraska President L. Deunis Smith, with an anticipated price tag of \$30,000. Time is money, and using the search firm was expected to speed up the search process. It was hoped the position could be filled by the time of Weber's departure at the end of June. NU Regent Drew Miller of Papillion objected to using a search firm, calling it a "costly mistake." Miller proposed saving both time and money by hiring from within the NU system, "like successful businesses do."

As it turned out, the

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— University of Nebraska President L. Dennis Smith

fee paid to Dallas-based search firm Heidrick and Struggles Consultants came in at \$40,000, with an additional \$12,411 in expenses. This was more than twice the amount spent on the search for Chancellor James Moeser of University of Nebraska-Lincoln, but search time was reduced by almost two months. In a letter to the *Gateway*, Chair of the Chancellor's Search Committee, B.J. Reed, said the money spent on the search firm was “one of the best financial investments UNO has made.” Reed wrote that taxpayers were very well served by the expense.

Without the use of the search firm, it seems UNO would never have nabbed Belck. She wasn't looking to leave her position as chancellor of Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville (SIUE), where she had been since 1994. Belck said members of the search committee, some of whom she considered to be her mentors, had encouraged her to investigate the position. Then, during her visit in June, all the talk about the excitement and potential at UNO convinced her this would be a good match.

President Smith made the announcement July 14 that Belck had been offered and had accepted the position as

new chancellor, with a start date of September 1. Belck is UNO's 13th chancellor, and the first woman to serve in that position.

In an interview with the *Omaha World-Herald*, President Smith listed some of the reasons for the selection of Belck. “She is a very dynamic individual who has excellent people communication skills. She has a vision for the urban university, and one I happen to agree with,” he said.

When asked if she was intimidated by the long list of Weber's achievements during his 20-year tenure, Belck said she always feels positive coming in after someone who has had a successful reign. “I look at it as an opportunity to build on the strengths of what they have been able to establish,” she said.

From the outset Belck was definitely on the go with her first two weeks on the job filled with activity - the regent's annual visit, the groundbreaking ceremony for the IST&E building, and an ABC breakfast. “I don't think I've ever gone into a new role where the first 10 days had so many significant activities,” Belck said. But, she had asked that her staff plan non-stop activity to ensure a good welcome.

Good, however,

would not describe the Elmwood Park community's reaction to a casual comment Belck made shortly after her start date, regarding possible UNO expansion into the Shakespeare on the Green park area. Talk of acquiring and possibly paving the park area got more than a casual reaction. One letter in the *Omaha World-Herald's* Public Pulse charged that “the continued effort to ravage Elmwood Park seems to come with the job description (of UNO Chancellor).

When asked about the tempest, Belck agreed that “much ado about nothing” was an accurate description as her comments had been “totally taken out of context and extrapolated to a broader scale.”

At the close of her first semester, Belck was faced with the task of replacing one high-ranking administrator, the vice-chancellor of academic affairs, as well as finding a suitable candidate for the newly created position of vice-chancellor of university affairs and communications. Ernest Peck, the current vice-chancellor of academic affairs, is returning to Texas to attend to family obligations, while the new position was created by Belck as an attempt to eventually consolidate

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# Peck Resigns

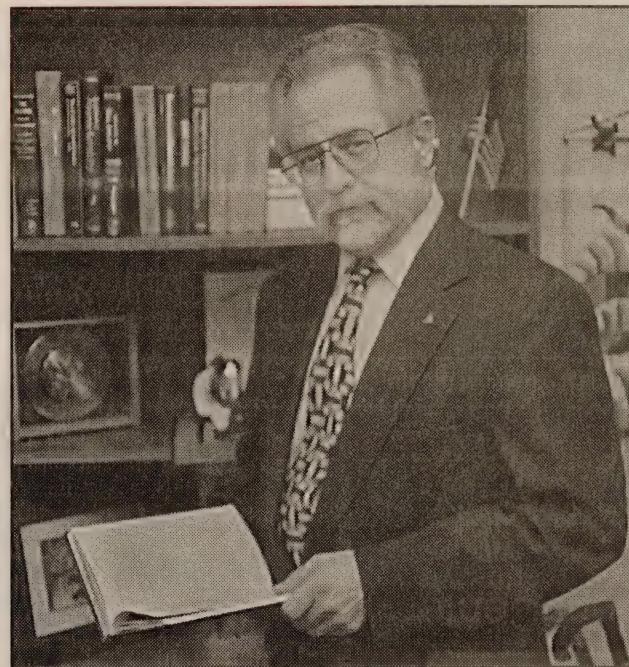
by Jess Behrens

In October of last year, Ernest J. Peck Jr., Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs at UNO, announced that he was resigning to take a position at Arizona State University in Tempe, Arizona. An earlier *Gateway* story described Peck's new job as a research position in both bio-chemistry and chemistry, which he begins on July 1, 1998.

UNO officials have until this date to name Peck's successor.

By the time the Feb. 13 edition of the *Gateway* hit the stands, the number of applicants for Peck's replacement had reached 50. "I assume there will be more applicants to meet with," said Stanley Hille, chairman of the search committee and Dean of the College of Business Administration. "Sometimes, the better candidates have yet to be encountered."

By April, according to Hille, the number of



*photo by Chris Machian*

total applicants had reached 60. "It has been narrowed to four who will be invited in to UNO after (Chancellor Belck's) investiture," he said.

Chancellor's hands," Hille said.

The selection of the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs is no small job. "It is going to be a very important job," said Hille, because the position oversees a very large budget. He also said that all UNO deans must report to

the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, making the job very political as well.

"These are all sitting administrators at

***“All deans must report to the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs making the job very political.”***

— Stanley Hille, chairman of the search committee and Dean of the College of Business Administration.

Chancellor Belck will be officially 'invested' with her duties in a ceremony on Fri., April 17.

"Once they are invited it is in the

# Buck Hired

compiled by  
Tim Mills

Search committees definitely had their hands full with UNO this year. We found ourselves with a new Chancellor in Nancy Belck (see article on page 14) and a new Vice Chancellor for External Affairs and Communications in Dr. James R. Buck.

The selection process began in late January and early February. Karen White, dean of Fine Arts, took on the role of chair of the search committee and encouraged students and staff to attend the public forums that served as the interview process.

Early on, three candidates were all likely contenders for the position.

Dr. Michael Slinker and Dr. Douglas Hartford both had quite a list of experiences, which made them good candidates to become the new vice chancellor. Slinker had been the director of university relations at Humboldt State University in Arcata,

Calif., as well as director of public affairs, editor of Humboldt's alumni magazine and as legislative proposition coordinator. Prior to his work in California he had held director and editor positions at Northern Arizona University.

At the time of his interview, Hartford held the vice chancellor for external affairs position at Indiana University-South Bend. Before that, he held many communications related positions at the University of Southern Colorado and the University of Califor-

nia-Davis.

In the end, it was the man interviewed first, Buck, that received the job offer. Previously, Buck has held positions such as executive assistant to the president and director of development and public affairs at Black Hawk College in Illinois. At the time of his interview, he was employed as vice chancellor for development and public affairs at Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville (SIUE) and chief executive officer of the SIUE Foundation. ■

other institutions," said Hille. "I think they look pretty good. I think we have some very good candidates coming in."

According to Hille, to be sure that each candidate fits well with the rest of the university, each of them will be invited to Omaha for an interview and will make themselves available to faculty and staff who may have questions. "We will try to get input from student groups and other organizations. Each candidate should be here for 2 days," said Hille. "The process will be very similar to what you saw with Chancellor Belck."

Given the importance of the vice chancel-

lor for academic affairs to the university, the job recipient will be required to work closely with Chancellor Belck, making that relationship a very important one. However, according to Hille Chancellor Belck has maintained some distance from the process.

"I've kept in touch with her. She has been aware. She understands the role of the committee and has handled the situation very professionally," Hille said.

Chancellor Belck is responsible for extending job offers and hiring the chosen individual. However, the committee was created to narrow the field of applicants. ■



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# Student Voices

## KBUL Signs Onto the Airwaves

by Kathy Daley

**T**hanks to KBUL the student body voice is being heard once again. KBUL, UNO's new radio station, hit the air waves Jan. 12, 1998 in time to help kick off the spring semester.

Since it first went on air the radio station, located in the Milo Bail Student Center, KBUL has broadcast Mon.-Fri. from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

The station plays a variety of music. "Lump all the radio stations in Omaha together and that's what we sound like," Cris Harbold, station manager of KBUL, said in an interview earlier this year.

In addition to music, KBUL also broadcasts local news at 8:15 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. Mon.-Fri. On Monday and Thursdays the station airs UNO sports updates.

"It's solid plus," said Brian Lightwine, a senior marketing student at UNO. "I like KBUL because it caters to a wide variety of musical tastes I also like the station because I won \$65 by answering a trivia question." Lightwine was

one of the many UNO students to win money or prizes from KBUL.

Harbold said that he knows being a college student can put a strain on the pocket book, so KBUL tries to lighten the load by giving away money, free food and movie passes.

KBUL has been working on funding for their station since January of '97. Since the station does not get aid from student funding,

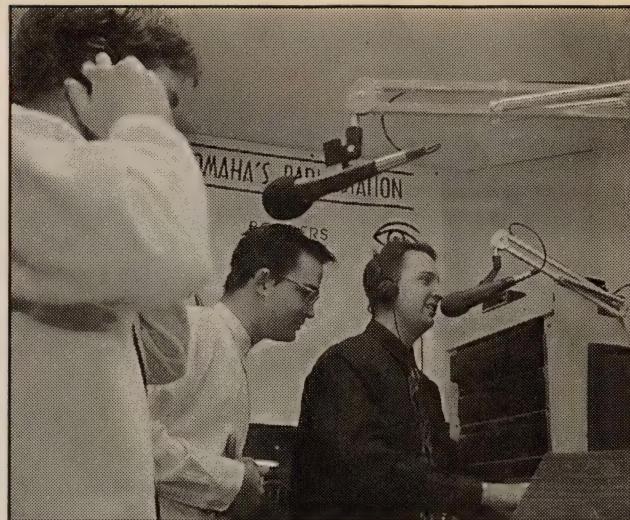


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"The Couch Potato contest", a golf tournament, band concerts at the Saddle Creek Bar and, most recently, a St. Patty's Day pool tournament which was held in

international business student said. Storms said that because UNO is a commuting campus students seldom get a chance to be heard.

KBUL sponsored a concert last fall at UNO. The concert was held upstairs in the Student Center and featured such local bands as Jonestones, Scott's Wallet, and Rocketship Disco.

KBUL plans to broadcast from 8 a.m. to 6 or 10 p.m. when they return from summer break in the Fall of '98. The change in hours is partially due to the fact that KBUL will be broadcasting in the HPER building in the fall. The station also hopes to broadcast into the air waves of the future dormitories, which will done around the year 2000. ▀

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— Brian Lightwine, a senior marketing student

they were forced to find money elsewhere. The station received \$4,000 from UPS in exchange for free air time. Despite this large donation the station still needed more money. Soon they began to sponsor such events as

the student game room.

The new radio station has been a big success according to the students who congregate in the student center. "I think that KBUL brings life to the campus," Terra Storms, a sophomore

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campus in order to stay in touch with students needs. He has attended an African American Organization

meeting, Goodrich Student Organization meetings as well as various others. He is determined to continue to meet with various

organizations and students in order to diversify his perspective on where the student

body is going.

Sanchez believes that one of the biggest events in UNO history is the arrival of residential housing. He and the Student Senate are dedicated to addressing any issues involving the arrival of student housing to prevent

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hindrance of them arriving as quickly as possible.

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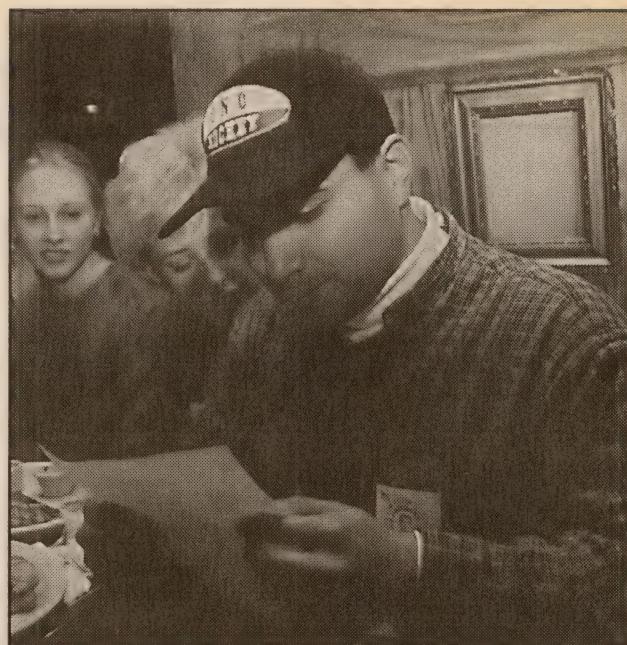
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school year concludes, Sanchez hopes students will look back and remember a president hard at work. "By the

end of my term next year, I want to be able to say I started out with three major goals and I accomplished those goals."

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# Breaking Ground

by Kelly Daley

Construction begins on IS&T's New Building



photo by Steve Houlton

The earth moved on September 10 when the groundbreaking ceremony was held for the new Peter Kiewit Institute of Information Science, Technology and Engineering, known as the Institute.

Along with the new building, two new deans are being introduced to the UNO community: Michael Mulder, the first dean of the College of Information Sciences & Technology, and Thomas McClung, associate dean.

"I really like the challenge of building something," McClung said earlier this year. McClung said the new college will work on building an academic program as well as developing a new core curriculum.

The college will be housed on 67th and Pacific Streets, at one time the property of AKsarben. The site once known for the sound of thoroughbred horseracing will soon echo with the footsteps of students, hopefully in time for 1998 Fall semester classes.

IS&T is one of the first colleges to be

***“It’s the only group in the nation I know of where these two principles, business and higher education, get together.”***

— Barbara Uehiling of the Business Higher Education Forum (BHEF)

constructed by businesses and a state university working together. “It’s the only group in the nation I know of where these two principles, business and higher education, get together,” Barbara Uehiling of the Business Higher Education Forum (BHEF) said earlier this year.

Uehilings said student concerns about the lack of internship opportunities in Nebraska may be solved by the new IS&T. McClung said many business have invested into the institute. The response from Omaha area businesses has been supportive and positive.

Regent Nancy O’Brien said earlier this year that the state will not foot the entire \$70 million needed for the IS&T project. Funding will come from private donations as well. The Peter Kiewit Foundation of Omaha, for instance, has committed a \$15 million gift toward the construction of the new

building. The state of Nebraska will be responsible for \$23 million.

The estimated cost of the Institute is \$37 million, leaving \$33 million to be spent on high tech engineering equipment. The 92,000 square foot Institute will contain classrooms, distance learning labs, a telecommunications lab and a 5,000 square foot structures lab housing a floor system, a 25-ton movable crane and a reaction wall.

The world of engineering is forever changing. Due to rapid growth in machinery technology, engineering companies have trouble finding fully qualified students. To help students prepare the engineers of tomorrow, big businesses are helping

Nebraska create an IS&T that will work for the real world.

Jimmie Haines, the industry Expert in Residence for IS&T from Boeing said IS&T may put Omaha on the

engineering map. “Students who graduate from the IS&T building will hit the street running.”

Haines is proud of UNO and Boeing for being open to change and working together to form a college that will benefit both students and companies. “Change isn’t easy,” he said. Haines said change is hard especially for older companies and schools because they are used to doing things their own way.

IS&T class locations right now are spread out from Durham Science Center at UNO, to the Peter Kiewit building in downtown Omaha, to sites 40 minutes away in Lincoln. The new Institute will provide a central location for students in IS&T.

Haines said that with the collaboration of business and higher education, IS&T will provide a partnership that benefits both students and the state of Nebraska. ■



# Fine Arts

by Renee Ryan

**A**s the Fine Arts Building was dedicated to Del and Lou Ann Weber this year, staff and students inside the building were dedicated to advancing the arts.

The drama department gave several performances this year. The fall semester began with "Once on This Island." This musical takes place on a primitive island that is separated by class differences. The lead character Ti Moune goes through many transformations on her search for true love. The setting of fantasy appealed to reviewer Aaron Zavitz and he was impressed overall with the performance. A total of 933 people attended six performances and one preview. Rachel McCutchen, ticket booth coordinator, said the theatre holds between 100-200 people depending on the size of the stage and the floor plan.

As winter came to Omaha the "Lion in Winter" came to the stage. A play based on a royal family in turmoil, the plot centered around King Henry II and his three sons vying for his crown. The Queen was played by Charlene J.B.

Willoughby for her thesis project. The gothic set included several plaster gargoyle. A raffle was held at the end of the performances with winners receiving a gargoyle to take home. Director Cindy Melby Phaneuf said the play was chosen to give comedy with depth. Despite the cold weather 893 people came to see the play during its seven-performance run.

The spring semester opened with "My Other Heart," a play that focused on a young bride, Pilar, her navigator-husband Anton and Clara, a slave from the New World. Andromeda H. Ross as Clara was a stand-out. Creative use of limited space impressed *Gateway* reviewer Christine Kasel. The last performances were held the night before the big blizzard and the streets were icy. Even with those conditions the performance brought in 919 spectators over seven nights.

The final production of 1997-98 is "A Comedy Of Errors." Director Louis Rackoff and composer David Bishop are artists for this early work of Shakespeare's. Bob Welk



*photo by Steve Houlton*

of the fine arts department said, "We try to visit Shakespeare every year or so as an important writer."

Strauss Performing Arts Center hosted several musical events this year. According to Steve Rehbein, conductor of the UNO Jazz Ensemble, the university hosted the Great Plains Jazz Festival February 5-7 and the UNO Jazz ensemble held a concert, "Java and Jazz," in January. On March 20 the ensemble held another concert, this time joined by the Faculty Quintet.

The symphony performances were led by UNO Chamber Orchestra Conductor David Low. Low said the group, whose 30 members are all UNO music majors,

frequently had guest conductors.

The Moving Company made an appearance in the fall at Nebraska Dancing. The project was a collaboration of UNO Moving Company, The Omaha Modern Dance Collective, Lincoln's The Wagon Train Project, Creighton University and the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. The performance consisted of 11 numbers, four of them choreographed by the UNO Moving Company. The dancers combined earthy brown costumes in one number. In another, dancers in pinks and blues represented flowers.

In the spring semester, the Moving Company performed a spiritual and uplifting

dance, choreographed by Josie Metal-Corbin, at the Women's Leadership Conference. Metal-Corbin said performers ranged from their teens to senior citizens.

Fall semester started with an exhibit featuring Melba Price and Bruce Tapola. One piece by Price entitled "Pride" depicted a headless figure going up a staircase. The artist said this depicts that pride is like going uphill without a head. Tapola had a piece with counting ticks to represent the 6,935 days of marriage he had spent with Price.

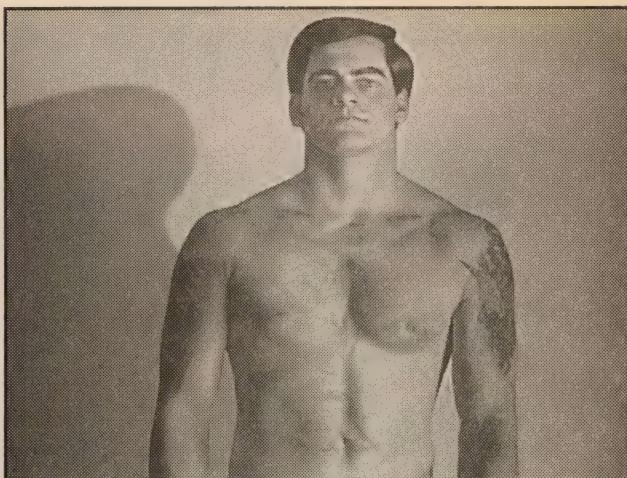
The UNO Art Gallery hosted a student exhibition aptly named just that. The art consisted of pieces judged by the art faculty in October. One piece that filled the gallery outside room used mixed media images including televisions, wrappers, clocks and crude wooden boxes. The untitled work was created by Richard Saxton and Kristopher Harzinski. another item of interest consisted of corn kernels lined up around the gallery baseboards, doorways and fixtures. The 14,299 kernels represented the students of UNO.

The spring semester began with another student art show. The "Works of Ernie Pepion and Gerardo Castillo Meza" showed the distinct styles of each

of the students in the show. Both artists used paintings with vivid colors and interesting images.

In February the gallery hosted guest artist Stephen Cornelius Roberts and his paintings in a neorealism collection. The paintings of nudes were so realistic they appeared to be photograph reprints in the Feb. 20 Gateway. Roberts is the artist responsible for the mural in the capital building in Lincoln. The other artist featured was James D. Butler. His neorealism focus was on landscapes. His use of color and contrasts that depict the immense feel of a storm had a Midwest feel.

The 36-member UNO Concert Choir hosted singers from Lithuania in October of 1997. The group called Saule was a folk group from Omaha's sister city Siliai in Lithuania. Over the spring break, UNO's choral group traveled to Lithuania and Sweden to perform. Randall Stroope, choral director and conductor, said the exchange program provided exposure to a country that the group might never have seen otherwise. Stroope also said the choral department will perform a Faure' Requiem on April 25. The event will focus on the composer Faure'. ■



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# Bethsaida *Saga*



*photos courtesy of Rami Arav*

by Kristine Kohlmeier

**B**ethsaida officially opened to the public March 25, marking a major step in UNO's efforts to excavate the biblical city.

An estimated two million visitors are expected to see Bethsaida during millennia celebrations. A plaque near the entrance lists colleges which helped with the excavations, with UNO shown as the leader.

Not bad for a university with no major in archaeology.

Since 1991, nearly 300 students a year have volunteered to dig through the ruins. Many discoveries have been made by students on the 20-acre site, including a stele

(gate marker), which was uncovered by two UNO students.

Bethsaida is located in northern Israel 20 minutes north of the modern city of Tiberias,

artifacts students have uncovered. Bethsaida was a major urban center nearly 3000 years ago. An Egyptian fertility god statue found in the Temple Palace Complex

Julias in honor of Augustus Caesar's wife. A statuette of her was found dating near 30 CE.

The first century was important for Bethsaida, which has great biblical importance. The city is frequently mentioned in the New Testament and is the birthplace of the apostles Peter and Andrew and the home of Philip. Bethsaida is said to be the site where Jesus supposedly fed the multitudes, healed a blind man and walked on water.

Archaeology definitely complements biblical teachings. Research doesn't try to prove or refute the Bible,

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***Bethsaida is said to be the site where Jesus supposedly fed the multitudes, healed a blind man, and walked on water.***

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near the Sea of Galilee. The climate is hot and dry, making the environment ideal for preservation.

A long history can be seen through the

reflects this time. The Greeks ruled Bethsaida c. 400 BCE, and silver coins have been found from this period. Later, the city was under Roman rule and renamed Bethsaida-

said Wendi Chiarbos, coordinator of the Bethsaida Excavations project.

Bethsaida disappeared about 2000 years ago. For years, people wondered where it went, but it was not until 1987 that Bethsaida was found.

Dr. Rami Arav, who has been teaching in the department of philosophy and religion, found the biblical city through a series of probes in locations other researchers had proposed.

UNO-led excavations are in their eighth season. While groups usually travel to Israel between February and July, Dr. Arav's schedule permits the excavation season this year to be only June through July.

"Not only students participate in the excavations", Chiarbos said, adding that retired pastors, history buffs, and travel lovers account for generally half the groups that go to Bethsaida.

UNO Television produced "The Lost City of Bethsaida," which debuted late last year. The documentary has won numerous awards, such as the "Award of Distinction" at the 1997 Communicator Awards. Lately, the History

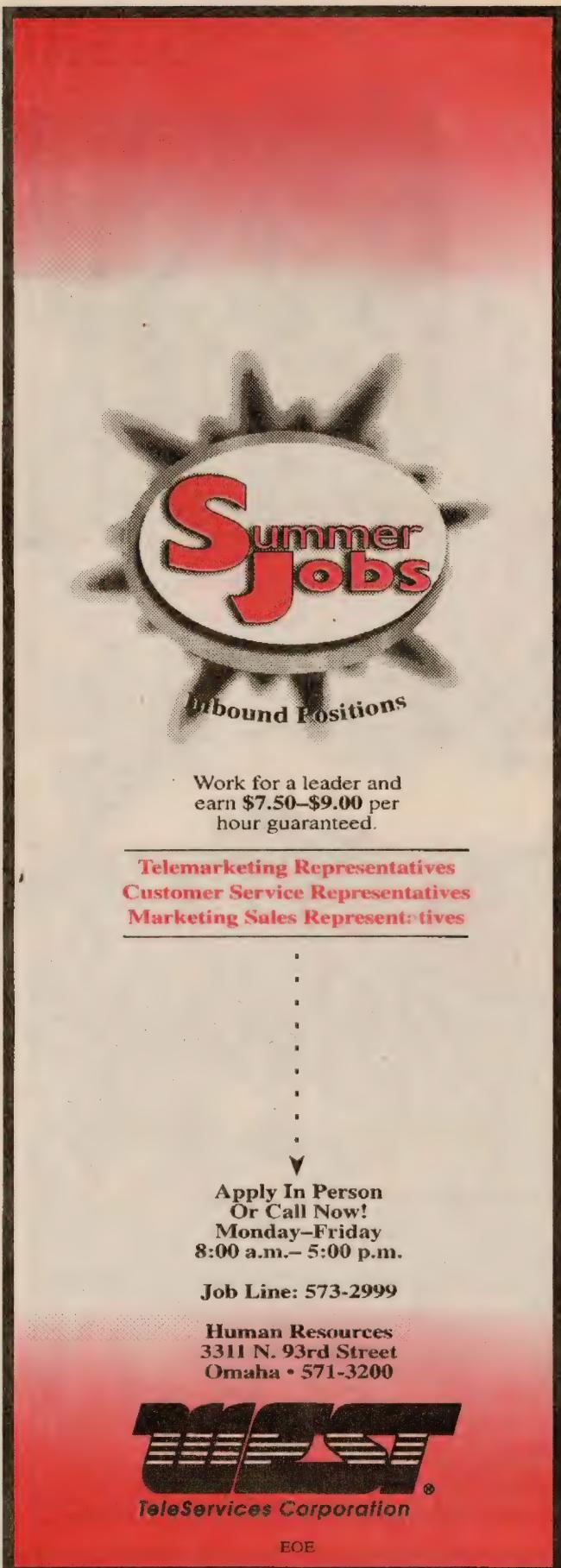
Channel has shown interest in broadcasting the documentary.

A contributor to the *Omaha World Herald* section brought up a controversial issue. He claimed Bethsaida is partly in Israeli-occupied Syria and not recognized in global institutions. He also likened student's efforts to excavate Bethsaida to Nazis reaping the spoils of war from occupied countries.

"The site is in disputed territory," confirmed Dr. Walter Bacon, professor of international relations. Israel occupies the land but Syria claims it. Though the land is not officially recognized to Israel, the military occupation is not worth concern. Furthermore, he praised the Bethsaida project and its positive impact on the region.

"We are not digging to make a political statement," Chiarbos said. If control of Bethsaida changes in time, she assured that UNO would apply to dig from the new country.

For students interested in traveling to Bethsaida, information is available by visiting the Department of Philosophy and Religion (ASH 230) or visiting their website. 



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# Greek *Life*

by Wendy Townley

Greeks on UNO's campus during 1997-98 were as busy as always, as sorority and fraternity members embarked on yet another year of philanthropic and social events.

UNO has four fraternities and four sororities on campus. Lambda Chi Alpha, Pi Kappa Alpha, Sigma Phi Epsilon and Theta Chi are the fraternities; the four sororities are Alpha Xi Delta, Chi Omega, Sigma Kappa, and Zeta Tau Alpha.

The ladies of Alpha Xi Delta, in conjunction with Theta Chi, baby-sat children for the Nebraska Children's Home Society at Mahoney State Park in September of 1997.

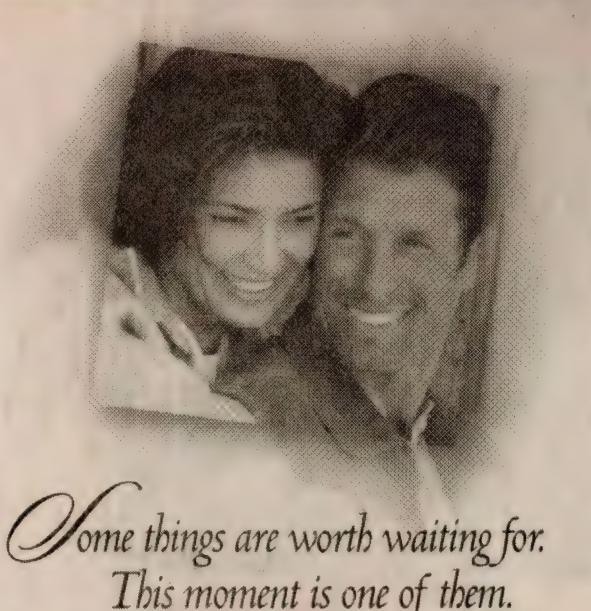
Sponsored by Panhellenic, Alpha Xi Delta also participated in "Clean the Streets" and showed their support of UNO athletics by attending UNO football games.

Winning two of the more recognizable awards on campus was Chi Omega, with Kristen Adams being crowned Homecoming queen and Dawn Fisher capturing

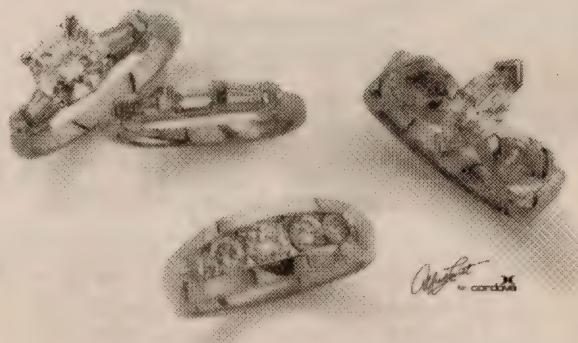
the title of Penny Princess during March Mavness. Twenty five Chi Omega ladies also worked as ushers at the home UNO Maverick Hockey games.

The ladies of Sigma Kappa rolled up their sleeves to clean up sections of I-680 in Omaha. According to Sigma Kappa President Jenny Feregrino, the ladies also sold jars of honey in the community to raise money for local charities. "We also received spirit cup points when we participated in the 'clothesline across campus,'" Feregrino said. Selling lollipops, Sigma Kappa also raised several dollars for Betty's House here in Omaha.

The ladies of Zeta Tau Alpha hosted one of the largest philanthropic events of the year. Various organizations helped Zeta Tau Alpha "Kick Out Cancer." This annual kickball tournament raised money for their national philanthropy, the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation. This tournament is held every fall on the Al F. Caniglia football field.



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The men of Lambda Chi Alpha attended every UNO home football game, making their presence known not only by surrounding fans, but the entire stadium. According to Lambda Chi Alpha member Kent Cisar, they positioned themselves in the south end zone of Al F. Caniglia field. After each touchdown the men shot off a cannon to celebrate the additional points. "Due to our consistent and enthusiastic support in the south end zone, we helped the Mavs to an undefeated record of 5-0 at home," Cisar said.

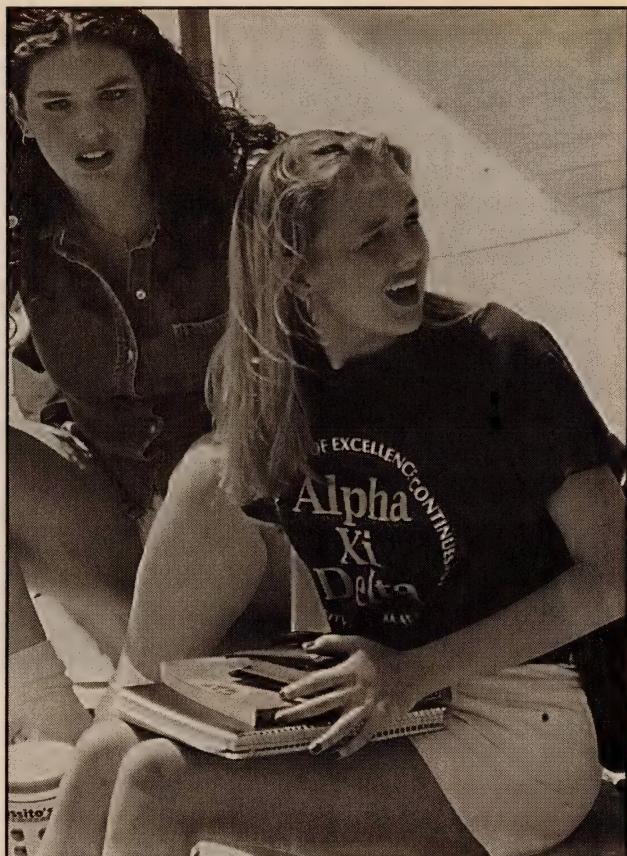
The men of Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity reigned at this year's Homecoming. "We aggressively participated in the Homecoming activities," said Pi Kappa Alpha member Jamie Pollert.

Steve Cacioppo was crowned Homecoming King. Pi Kappa Alpha also took first place on the annual new member skit night, sponsored by Alpha Xi Delta. Their skit, designed after the movie "Jerry Maguire," featured various new members of Pi Kappa Alpha contemplating the decision "to go Greek." The skit was well received by the audience of several fraternity and sorority members of UNO.

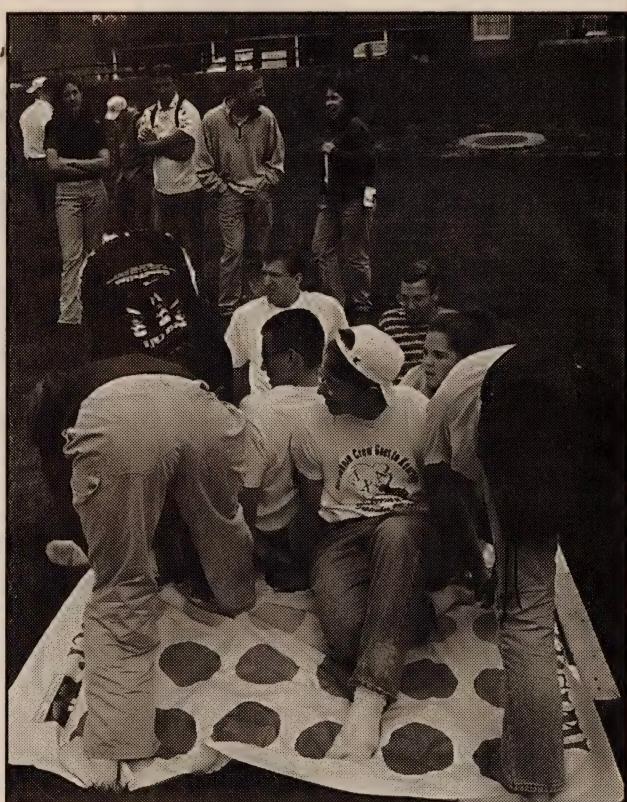
Also supporting UNO athletics, Sigma Phi Epsilon members worked the concession stands at the UNO football games and wrestling tournaments. In the fall, Sigma Phi Epsilon also hosted a "Honey Sunday," with profits going to charity. Sigma Phi Epsilon member Scott Fitzpatrick reigned as the Penny Prince during March Mavness week. Members also helped out senior citizens by painting their houses. "Through an organization that helps senior citizens, we painted several houses of those who are unable to," said Sigma Phi Epsilon member Ryan Amys.

Theta Chi captured the coveted Spirit Cup at the conclusion of "March Mavness" week. Theta Chi also participated in the "Kick Out Cancer" kickball game, sponsored by Zeta Tau Alpha. Cleaning up local neighborhoods with other Greek organizations, Theta Chi also helped out with "Greek into the Streets."

According to Theta Chi secretary Rob Vinson, "We (Theta Chi) had a pretty quiet year. However, we have a lot of philanthropic events currently in the working." Theta Chi also sponsored and attended a presentation during Alcohol Awareness Week in March. ■



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# Social *Life*

## "The Idea of a University"

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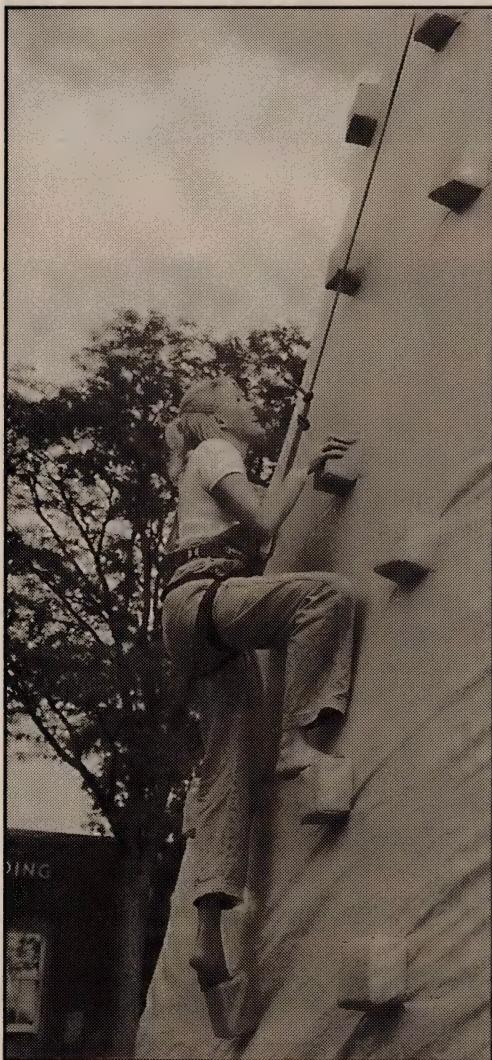
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broad for canvas, too elusive for print.  
It has moods and ages, like a person.  
Its seasons are all growing seasons  
and the harvest ever secure*

## Native American Dance



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## Homecoming Carnival



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## Rugby



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## Homecoming Carnival

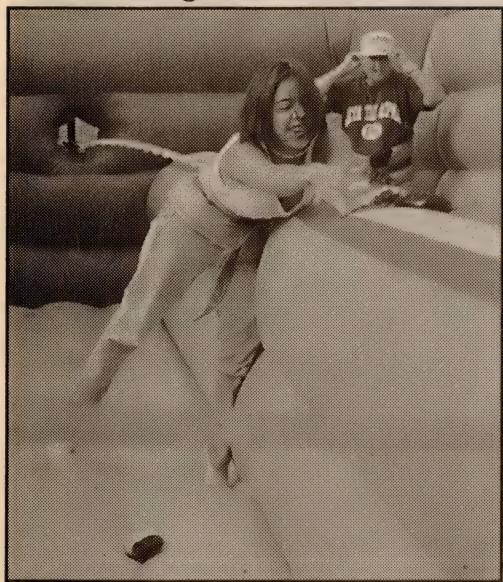


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## Gender Olympics



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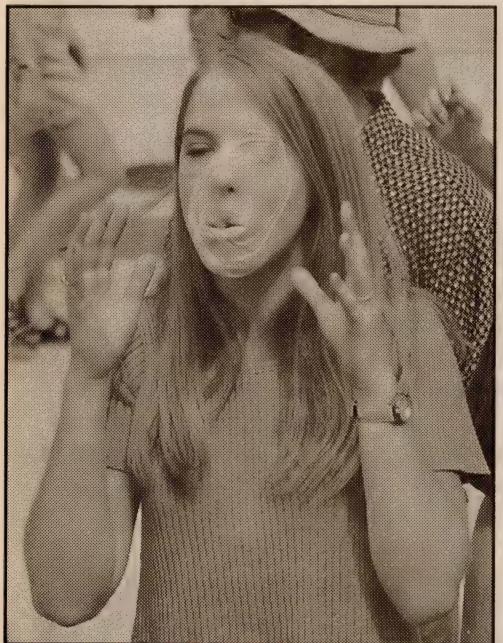


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*A University  
is, above all, an experience.  
It exists in the hearts and  
minds of those who draw from its wisdom  
and add to its reputation.*

— Robert T. Reilly,  
UNO Professor Emeritus

## Halloween



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# March Mavness

by Helen Evans

**U**NO students got a break from their everyday class schedule in this year's annual March Mavness.

The UNO Student Programming Organization sponsored a week of events and activities for students across the campus.

Due to poor weather conditions, scheduled events for Monday, "Scream Spectacular," "Chalking Contest" and "Cosmic Bowling" were canceled.

On Tuesday comedian Buzz Sutherland put on a show for a diverse UNO crowd which included even Disney's feathered friend, Donald Duck. According to SPO, Sutherland has received numerous awards for his stand up routines, including the 1998 National Association of Campus Activities Award for Comedian of the Year.

One of the week's highlights was David Coleman's "Creative Dating," presented on Wednesday in the Milo Bail Student Center's Nebraska Room.

Coleman told the crowd that he was at UNO to "promote that you don't have to have sex, spend a fortune, or get trashed in order to have a successful date."

He said the key to making relationships successful is interaction,

and discussed a dilemma many people come across when they are looking for relationships. "People can easily slip into the B.T.N philosophy; the better-than-nothing philosophy."

Coleman's program offered over 250 new ideas for dates that are entertaining, inexpensive, and safe.

Ballet Omaha performed "Wonder Wheels," which expressed The Ballet Omaha philosophy that wheelchairs are vehicles for both bodies and souls.

This production was designed to increase the awareness of wheelchairs in the arts, as well as to create new opportunities for persons with physical disabilities. The ballet was held in the UNO Strauss Performing Arts Building Recital Hall.

The "Penny Pitcher Prince and Princess Competition," a fundraising event for the Omaha Literacy Council, was held throughout the week.

Students had an opportunity to vote for prince and princess candidates by putting pennies in one of 15 designated pitchers.

For the competition, which raised over \$2000, each candidate was given a pitcher with their picture and their

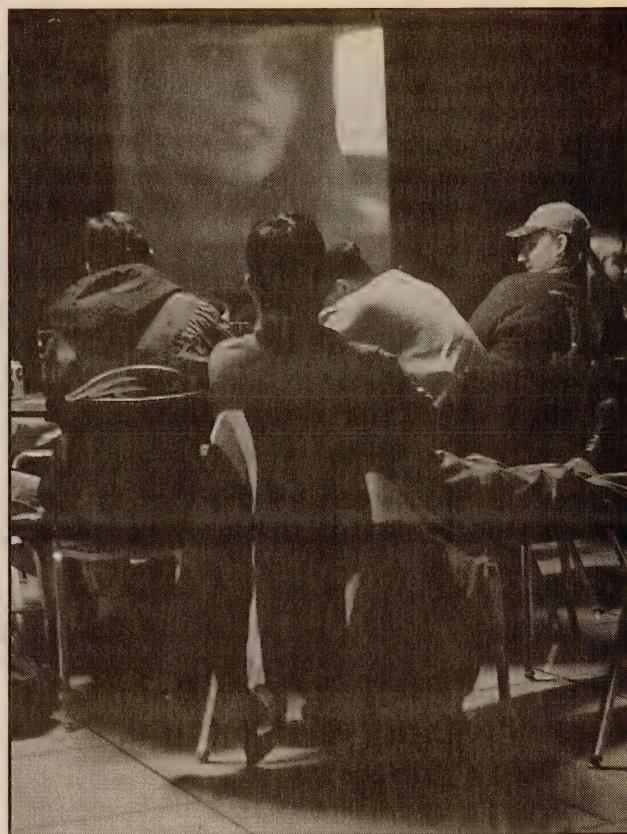


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organization's name on it. Next, they were to go throughout the campus and petition votes from students by asking students to donate pennies. Students could donate any amount of money, but only pennies counted as votes. Silver change or dollar bills resulted in votes being subtracted. If a quarter was put into a jar, 25 pennies were needed to offset it. The result was a genuine competition as organizations campaigned to raise more money — only to have it deposited in a competitor's jar!

March Mavness ended with a showing of the thriller, "Scream," in the Nebraska Room. Movie-goers were treated to free popcorn. "It's A

"Scream" was the theme of March Mavness.

Other events were held on Friday. Organizations competed in the banner contest. Their hard works were displayed in the Student Center's Nebraska Room during the movie. The annual March Mavness dance was held that night at Castle Barrett's Hall.

UNO freshman Jeremy Bender commented, "I was able to participate in some of the week's activities and it was pretty fun. I like to see what they will do for next year. It is a nice change of pace to see positive activity occurring on campus too, because it breaks the monotony of the normal school week."

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some of the director positions, and reduce the number of people reporting directly to her.

In terms of reporting to the chancellor, or at least talking with her, at each of her previous positions Belck has been renowned for her "walking appointments." It will be no different here at UNO. In an earlier interview with the *Gateway*, Belck said the walks are a great way to get a little name and face recognition. Any students who want to get to know Belck better are encouraged to call for a walking appointment.

Walkers next year will be witnesses to major change on campus as construction begins on UNO's first dorm — or resident hall as Belck likes to refer to it. Belck was involved in the construction of student housing both at SIUE and Louisiana State University-Shreveport, and said back in September that getting housing built at UNO would be one of her first priorities.

While Belck said that watching a commuter campus transform with the arrival of its first resident hall is a "singular experience," she also offered reassurances to commuting students that they would not be ignored, promising a better experience for everyone.

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If Belck's first few weeks were a whirlwind, the final months of this first academic year followed suit. The chancellor spent the month of March on the go — first in Lithuania, visiting UNO's newest sister university, then heading home via UNO's excavation site at Bethsaida, Israel, where she stopped in for the official opening of the Bethsaida Archaeological Park.

The final highlight of Belck's first academic year was her investiture ceremony on April 17, to officially and symbolically install her as chancellor. The ceremony took place at the Witherspoon Concert Hall in the Joslyn Art Museum and featured UNO graduate and CEO of California Energy, David Sokol, as keynote speaker. The morning ceremony was followed by a campus procession from the library veranda to the Milo Bail Student Center for an afternoon reception.

After the whirlwind tour, the investiture and finally spring commencement, it might be expected that Belck would want to take a breather before the fall semester begins. "But the summer is usually a busy time for administrators," she said with a smile. ■

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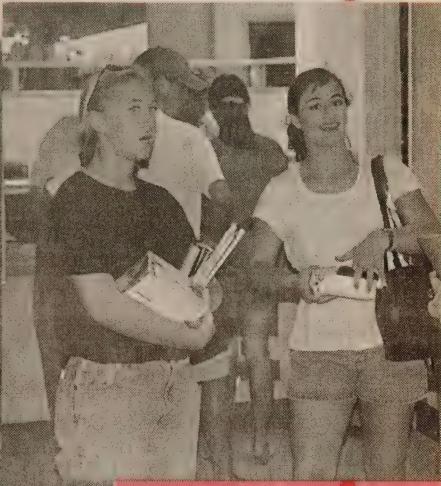
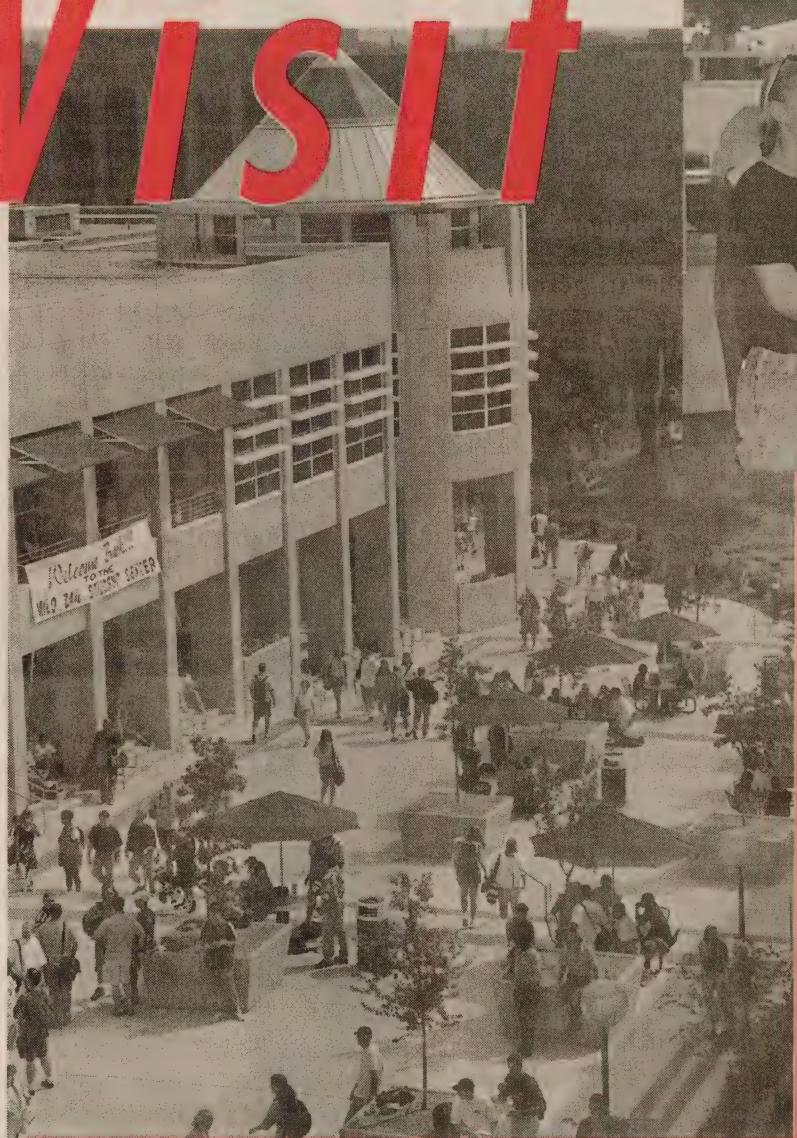
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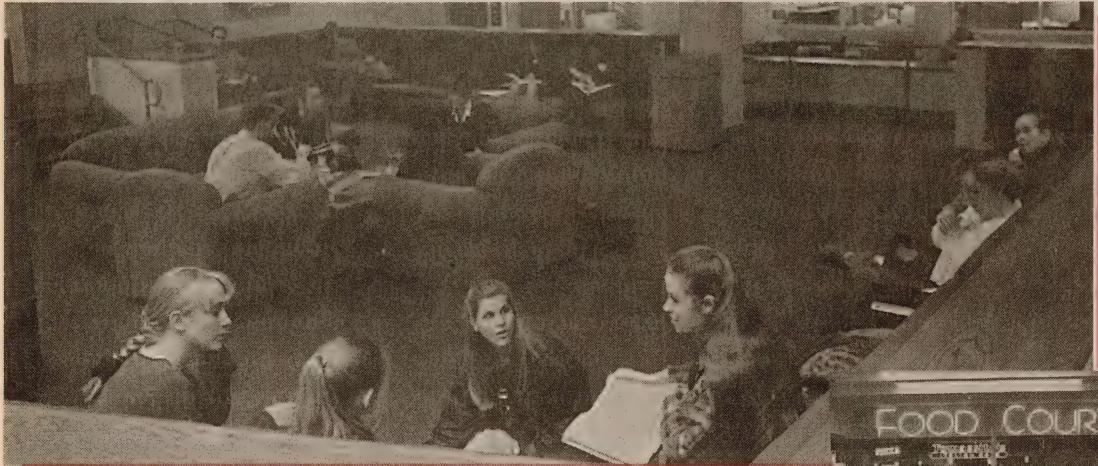
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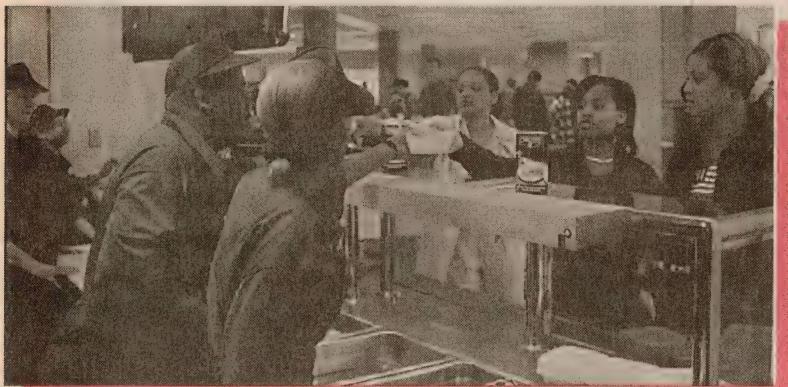
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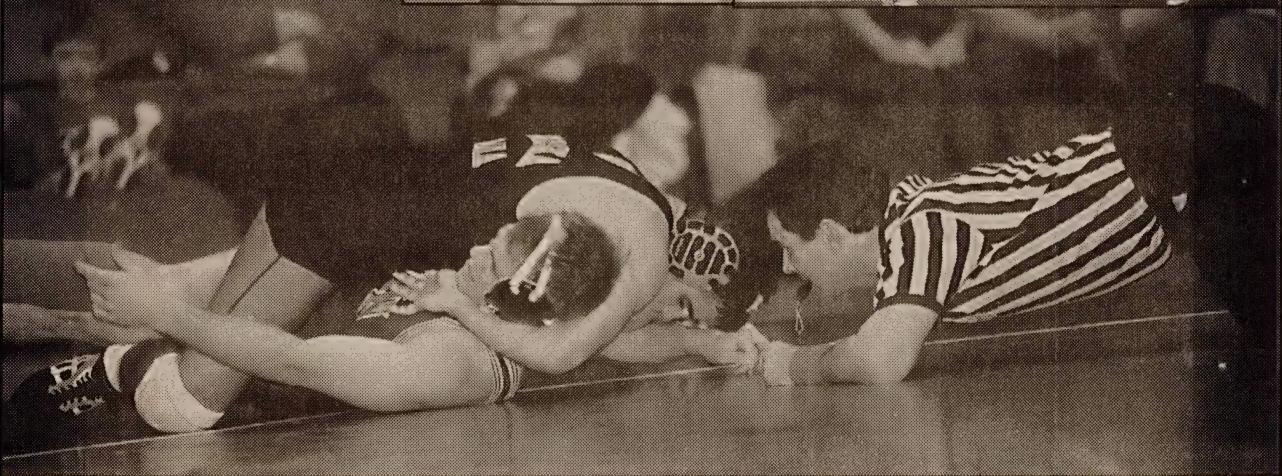
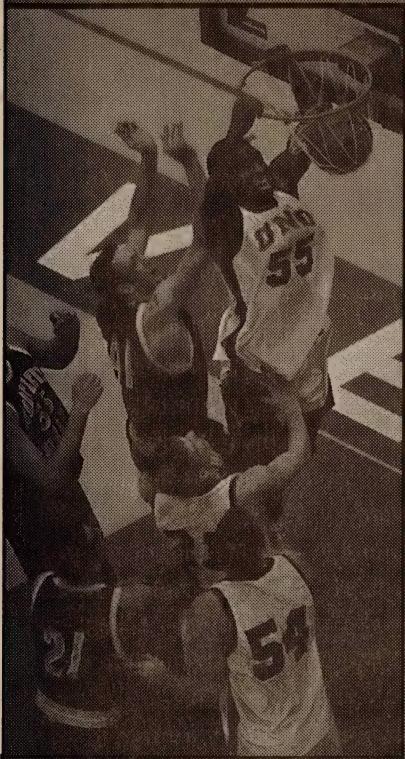
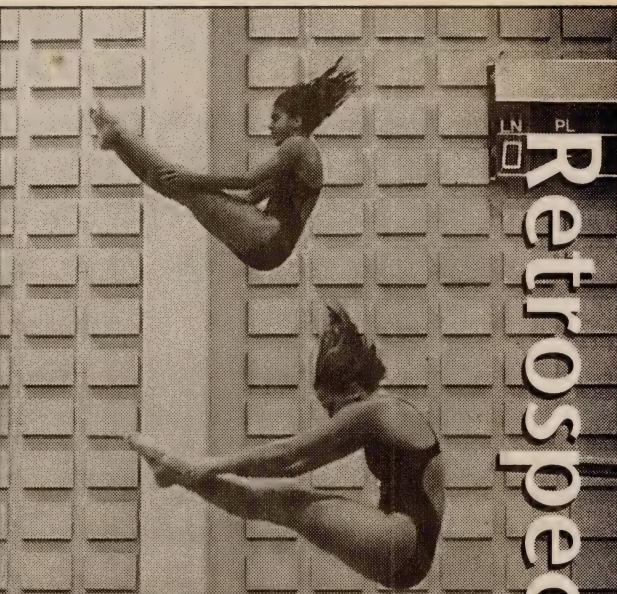
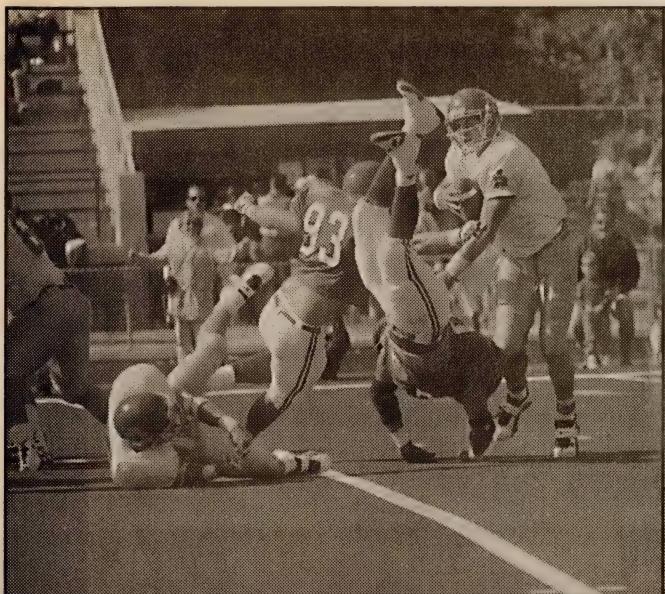
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# Maverick *Hockey*

by Andy Nordmeier and  
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Team's Inaugural Year is Fire on the Ice



photo by Steve Houlton

Just 90 minutes prior to the first face-off in Maverick hockey history, Omaha's Civic Auditorium was calm before a gathering storm. But it wasn't long before fans poured into the arena and anticipation, like lightning, electrified the air.

The emotion built through the pre-game ceremonies, reaching a crescendo with the Maverick player introductions. The crowd roared with welcome, especially when hometown favorites Jeff Edwards, Andrew Tortorella and Tom Kowal, formerly of the Omaha Lancers, took to the ice.

Then it was time. Tortorella lined up across from Scott Stephenson of the Manitoba Bison. The puck hit the ice and it was Tortorella in control as public address announcer Fred Brooks declared, "It's Maverick Hockey time in Omaha!"

An early Manitoba goal hushed the crowd, but the quiet didn't last. The rabid Mav fans turned up the volume again in the

**“All of a sudden their coach is hooping and hollering and the puck was at center ice. I thought, ‘something is really going on.’”**

— Maverick goal tender Kendall Sidoruk.

middle of the second period when James Chalmers scored the first goal in Maverick history by beating Manitoba goal tender Brent Genik at the 9 mark.

Manitoba scored twice more before the Mavs' Jason Cupp got one back. Too little, too late; Manitoba hung on for a 3-2 win.

The opening game created a wave the Mavs rode to their first win in school history on Oct. 26 by pounding Air Force 6-1. The squad was winning as many as they were losing and even swept Western Collegiate Hockey Association (WCHA) member Denver in a pair of high-scoring games.

The Mavs momentum stumbled in the second game of the Union series when they lost the game 6-3. It would be 58 days before they posted a victory. The Mavs opened up the WCHA part of the season with a record of 5-6.

“We did better than most people expected,” Mav goaltender Jason Mitchell said, looking back at the season, “and it gives us something to work on.”

The losses piled up. The Mavs dropped a pair at Minnesota-Duluth before returning home and losing physical

games to Michigan Tech. On Dec. 31 the Mavs lost a shot to set the college hockey world on its ear when they were thumped 6-2 by nationally ranked No. 3 New Hampshire. The skid squealed into the new year. The Mavs were swept by St. Cloud State and dropped a home-and-home with Wisconsin before traveling south to Huntsville, Ala. to take on the top team in Division II.

The Mavs broke their slump by posting a 5-2 win over Alabama-Huntsville. The team roared into life and tied Alabama-Huntsville the next afternoon.

Next, the sweep of Air Force in Omaha was highlighted by what might be the season's defining moment

Setting up the historic sequence, a penalty was called against the Mav bench for deliberately having too many men on the ice in the last two minutes. This call gave the Falcons a prime opportunity to tie the game on the ensuing penalty shot.

The referee skated to the middle of the rink. The puck dropped from his hand on top of the Maverick logo. The crowd noise grew as fans showed their dismay: Falcon Mike DesRoche would take a penalty shot

against Maverick goal tender Kendall Sidoruk.

The crowd took to its feet and found its voice, “U-N-O! U-N-O! U-N-O!”

“It was kind of ironic,” DesRoche said after the game, “You dream of a penalty shot to win or tie a game.”

The referee signaled DesRoche to shoot and the Falcon player flew in with his shot.

Sidoruk slipped outside his crease.

DesRoche stopped on the Mav doorstep. A backhand sent the puck speeding toward the goal.

Sidoruk's right pad flicked out and the puck deflected away from the net.

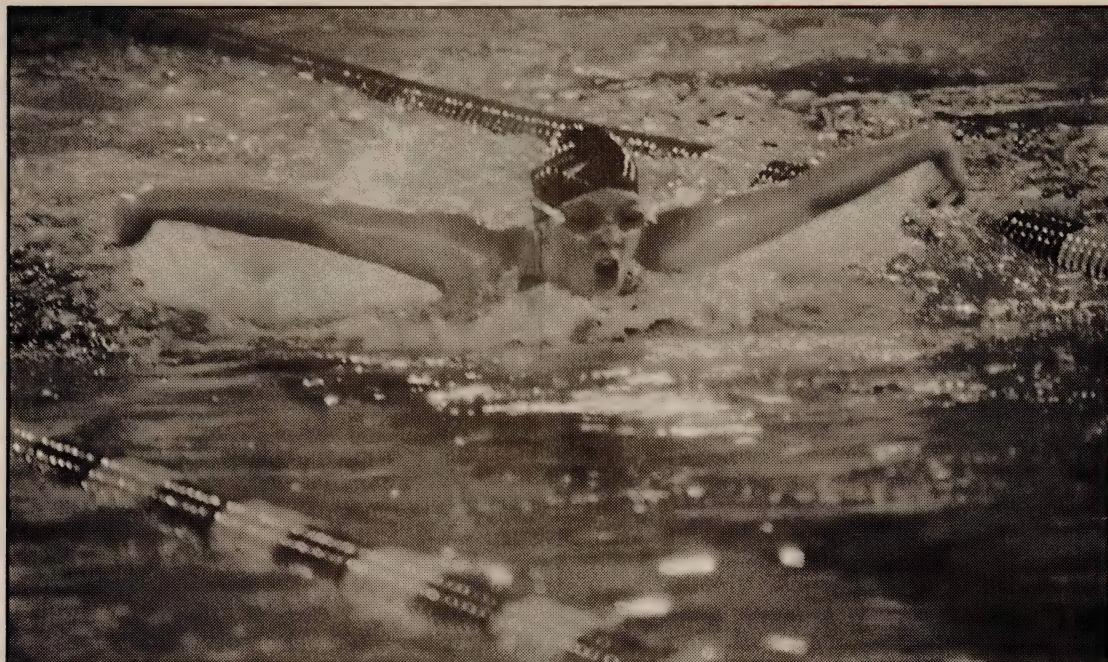
“It hit the top of his pad,” said DesRoche. “I thought it went behind him but when I heard the noise, I figured it didn't go in.”

Sidoruk was confused, too. “All of a sudden their coach is hooping and hollering and the puck was at center ice. I thought, ‘something is really going on.’ The next thing you know there's a breakaway and I saved it.”

That single-pad save catapulted the Mavs into the regular season. They fought off a pesky Mankato State team with a six-goal rally

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# Swimming / Diving



by Andy Nordmeier  
Contributions by Christine Kasel

*photo by Chad Greene*

October 31 saw the birth of the newest women's sport at UNO when the swimming and diving team parted the waters in Brookings, S.D. against South Dakota.

Despite the 152-76 loss to the Coyotes, the team was off and swimming. The next night they gave South Dakota State a stroke for their money but again fell short, 141-129.

November 18 the Lady Mav's conquered in-state rival Nebraska-Kearney, at Kearney, by 20 points. The Lady Mavs then won the Jackrabbit Invitational on Nov. 22.

"I'm excited to see how the team will be in a couple of years," Lady Mav freshman Steph Patterson said of the team's first season, "we really got a chance to

up with South Dakota State for the second time in the season. The Dec. 5 meet was the Lady Mav's first in home waters. By the day's end, the Lady Mavs had revenged the

result. The Lady Mavs hung on for a 103-101 win and reeled off a four-meet win streak.

Next came their first loss in over a month when they locked up with No. 3 Truman State and No. 5 Northern Colorado in HPER. It was a tough meet, but gave the team a shot to see how they measured up to a pair of national top-five teams.

They went on to win the Buena Vista dual meet in Storm Lake, Iowa giving the squad five wins in six meets.

"It was a lot of fun and a lot of hard work," Patterson said, "and it was a unique experience."

***“We really got a chance to grow together and we got a chance to go to so many different places.”***

—Lady Mav freshman Steph Patters

grow together and we got a chance to go to so many different places."

The 10 women on the team turned some heads when they hooked

Oct. 31 loss by drowning the Coyotes 161-120.

The surge kept rolling as they hooked up with Nebraska-Kearney on Jan. 9 with the same

The Lady Mav swimming and diving team closed out the inaugural season by finishing sixth in the North Central Conference meet.

The relay teams in the 400-yard medley, 400-yard freestyle and the 800-yard freestyle led the charge.

Patterson posted the Lady Mavs' best finish of the day when she finished fourth in the 200-yard butterfly with a time of 2:17.17.

Patterson was the lone Lady Mav to finish in the top eight individually, but many of her teammates placed in the top 16.

Senior Kate Conklin performed well in her last meet by picking up a win in the B-Finals of the 100-yard butterfly.

The other Lady Mavs in the top 16 were Patterson in the 100 butterfly (15th), Conklin (tenth) and Kim Ferris (12th) in the 100-yard breaststroke. Ferris took a second spot in the top 16 by finishing 13th in the 200-yard breaststroke.

In the relays, the Lady Mavs posted sixth place finishes in 400 and 800 freestyle, seventh in the 200 freestyle and the 200 medley.

The 400 freestyle team of Conklin, Erin Johns, Patterson, and

Kristy Malone clocked in at 3:49.60 and picked up 26 team points in the process.

In the 800 freestyle team Carolyn Roberts switched with Erin Johns. The foursome picked up sixth place, beating South Dakota State by almost 20 seconds. Both teams set school records in their respective events.

The third school record of the meet also came in a relay. The 400 medley crew of Patterson, Ferris, Conklin and Malone touched the wall in 4:17.87 to get the record and yet another sixth place finish. In all, six different swimmers contributed to the three records with Patterson, Malone and Conklin being the common threads.

"The relays were putting it all together," Samland said, "they were the big highlights."

That was part of the Lady Mavs goal at the meet.

"Our goal was to be sixth at conference," Samland said, "personally, I am very happy overall and for that many personal bests."

On the bus ride back to Omaha, the team talked about their performances and used them to set goals for the 1998-1999 season. That next season will start



*photo by Chad Greene*

without Conklin or Tomomi Kano on the team. Both are seniors and will leave holes to fill for Samland.

"We're expecting a good season next year," Samland said, "but we need to wait and see how things go with recruiting."

The Mavs will get to see half of the conference before the meet again

next year as they will face Northern Colorado, South Dakota State and South Dakota next season.

Samland summed up the meet and his outlook on year two of the team.

"Today was the end of one season and the start of another," Samland said. ■

# Football

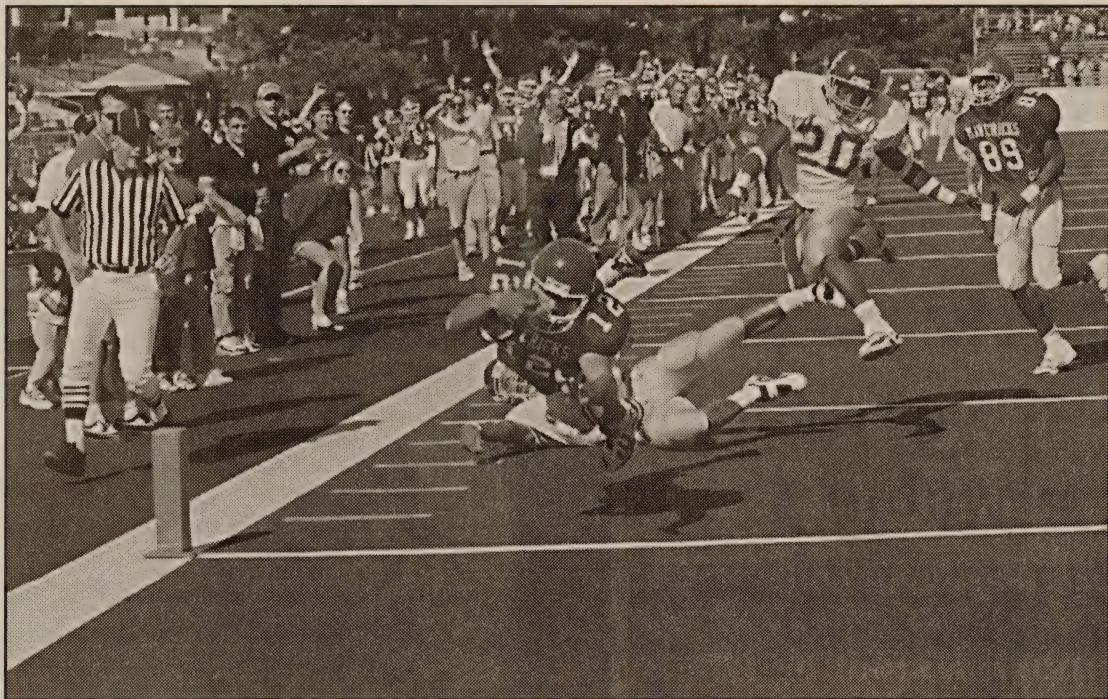


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by Andy Nordmeier

After the 10-1 regular season and playoff berth in 1996, expectations ran high for the '97 season. The Mavs lived up to them by opening with four quick wins. The Mavs blew out Central Missouri State by 29, edged Nebraska-Kearney and became the only team with two wins in the Fargodome when they beat North Dakota State 27-21 and waxed South Dakota by 24 points to close out September.

The Mavs were ranked ninth in the nation at the time and went to Grand Forks,

N.D. to clash with the No. 13 Sioux of North Dakota.

It looked like business as usual for the 4-0 Mavs as they rode a Demetrius Richards safety and a Jeff Herdzina touchdown to a 9-0 lead midway through the opening quarter. But North Dakota ran off 29 straight points to hog-tie the Mavs.

The Sioux's Dan Graf reeled in a 22-yard pass from Kevin Klancher to get the scoring going. But Thompson fumbled to it back and North Dakota capitalized as Sioux running back

Phillip Moore, the nation's leading rusher at the time, added a 45-yard touchdown run before the end of the quarter to put North Dakota up 13-9. Mike Hoefs' two-point conversion made it 15-9. Hoefs snared a five-yard touchdown pass from Klancher to push the lead to 22-9 in the second quarter and Moore rumbled for 50 yards for a score to complete the North Dakota outburst.

Mav receiver Yano Jones caught an 18-yard pass from Ed Thompson to get the Mavs within 29-16 in the third

quarter. Fullback Micky Koory kept the drive alive with a pair of short gains on fourth down.

But a fatal Hoefs touchdown ran the score to 35-16. Even a late TD by Tony Kries and a two-point conversion were too little, too late for the Mavs. They dropped the game 35-24.

The Mavs rebounded by pasting Augustana 35-6 in Sioux Falls and kept piling back wins over South Dakota before the weather reared its ugly head and crimped the Mavs on their path to the playoffs.

The Mav football team was penned in Greeley while 14 inches of the white stuff was plowed off of the field for their game against the Bears of Northern Colorado. The Mavs' 6-1 record and No. 13 ranking would be dealt a crippling blow on a frozen Nottingham Field as they were snowed out 37-17.

The Mavs put up a fight for the first half. They kept the score 20-9 at intermission before getting sunk in the third quarter. Northern Colorado tacked on a pair of third quarter touchdowns to push the

bulge to 34-9. The Mavs did get back a late touchdown from Curtis Miller but it wasn't enough. The loss dropped the Mavs out of the top spot in the conference and ripped away control of their playoff destiny.

The Mavs rebounded on the turf at Caniglia Field when they spanked Mankato State by 24 and South Dakota State by 17 to set up the all-important season finale with St. Cloud State. The Mavs were 8-2. They sat on the playoff bubble and snow was in the forecast.

The Mavs and Huskies traded touch-

downs on the game's first two possessions to get things off to a rocking start. It looked like the game would be an offensive slugfest, but the Mavs never answered the bell. They surrendered 39 straight points to the Huskies in a season-ending 46-7 loss. A trio of touchdowns by Husky running back Ramon Edwards and another two from wide receiver Mike McKinney didn't help the Mavs at all. Placekicker Neil Fish added 10 points off of his foot to finish the job and any hopes of postseason play.

There was a lone bright spot for the Mavs.

Thompson became the first player in NCAA Division II history to rush and throw for 1,000 yards in a season. He wrapped it up on the lone May score of the day, a 14-yard touchdown pass to Brian Benjamin at the 7:51 mark of the opening quarter.

Despite not making the playoffs, there was a bright side to the Mav football team. Graduation did not hit the team too hard and with MarTay Jenkins and Jason Bartling coming back from season-ending surgeries in 1997, the Mavs could be the team to beat in the NCC. ■

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# Softball

by Andy Nordmeier

For head coach Mary Yori, the 1997 softball season would pose a tough question. How do you improve on a 51-win season, championships in both the North Central Conference and the NCAA Regional tournament and a second place finish at nationals? The conference and regionals titles were the third in as many seasons for the Lady Mavs.

The team answered by posting a 49-11 record, their fourth consecutive conference and regional crowns and a third place finish in nationals in 1997.

The Lady Mavs started their season-long stampede with a school record 13 straight wins. A peak performance came when the Lady Mavs took two from national No. 9 South Dakota and the first loss came in mid-March when Central College edged the Lady Mavs 6-4 in the finals of the Trusler Tournament.

The Lady Mavs were 19-1 and headed to southern Florida for the Rebel Games, where they

would play 12 games in five days. Those games would end in the same way as most of the earlier ones did, with the Lady Mavs in top. The offense kept picking up throughout the tournament and it culminated with the team scoring 52 runs in the final four games while allowing three in those games against Erskine, LIU-Southhampton, New York Institute of Technology and Florida Southern.

April was the conference season and it saw the Lady Mavs start out with a streak of split luck. They split the first four games of the North Central Conference schedule and did the same to Nebraska-Kearney. The Lady Mavs rebounded and took out their frustrations on Augustana by bombing them 11-1 and 11-0 in mid-April.

The Lady Mavs hadn't lost more than one game at anytime in the season until they dropped consecutive outings to Drake and South Dakota State. That wound up as the lone Lady Mav losing



photo by Steve Houlton

streak in the whole season.

The rest of the conference season went just like the last three had. Lady Mavs play somebody, win, and keep on rolling all the way to the conference title. The Lady Mavs won all four games that weekend and allowed a total of one run in the process en route to the conference title and got a berth in the next week's regional playoff.

The Lady Mavs pounded Mankato State 8-2 to start undefeated in the double-elimination format and eventually had to lock up with Augustana and see who would get the two losses first. The Lady Mavs posted 3-1 and 1-0 wins to tag Augustana with the losses and advance to the national tournament.

At nationals, the Lady Mavs met up with a familiar foe in the opening game. They

locked up with Nebraska-Kearney for the fifth time that season and each team had won two games. The rubber game of the series was the closest game between the two teams, but the Lady Mavs edged their in-state rivals 2-1 to push closer to a national title.

The next day, the Lady Mavs took a step backwards when they lost to UC-Davis 3-1. The loss left the Lady Mavs in a must-win situation for the rest of the tournament and made the next game against Kennesaw State worth the season. The Lady Mavs staved off elimination and posted a 5-3 win to play again the next day.

The game against California of Pennsylvania was an elimination game with the loser going home and the winner going on to the final. The Lady Mavs held their opponent to two runs,

but were unable to score any themselves and came back to Omaha with a third place finish following the 2-0 loss.

The Lady Mavs had their success at the plate all year long. Their .337 average was the second-best in school history and Holly Voss led the charge with her .396 average in 59 games. Jenni Upenieks, (.385); Toni Novak, (.376); Jeanne Howe, (.347); Mindy Hahne (.329) and Kelly Davis (.300) were the team's top hitters and also played in every game of the year. The hard-hitting led to the opposition having an ERA climbing near five runs a game for the year and saw nearly 1700 at-bats for the Lady Mavs.

The Lady Mavs were throwing heat on the mound throughout the season and were led by underclassmen Kelly Secord and Tara Buzzell. Secord led the pitchers with a 26-5 record with two saves, a 1.36 ERA and 206 innings on the hill. Buzzell also performed well as she recorded a 19-5 mark with an ERA of 1.51 in her first full year with the Lady Mavs.

With all of the success from 1997, 1998 looks like a good year on paper and they started out with a 16-6 mark as of press time. ☺

Retrospect Spring 1998

by Andy Nordmeier and Christine Kasel

The Mav baseball team spent 1997 rebounding from a sub-par 1996. They raised their record from 19-28 to 27-19, earned the South Division championship of the North Central Conference and gave head coach Bob Gates his 500th career win.

With the help of five Midland Lutheran errors and the pitching of Mav Dan Ernst, the Mavs pounded Midland Lutheran. But later that night the Mavs were limited to one hit in an 11-0 loss.

After they dropped a pair to Nebraska-Lincoln, the Mavs took command of the diamond, yanked two from Westmar and headed into the annual LeRoy Wilson Classic in Joplin, Mo. with a surge of momentum.

The Mavs ripped through the field and won nine of 11 games for the week. The best performances came from the pitching mound when the Mavs held Wisconsin-River Falls to three hits and one run over two games.

March 27 followed with a twinbill against the homestanding Missouri Southern. The

# Baseball

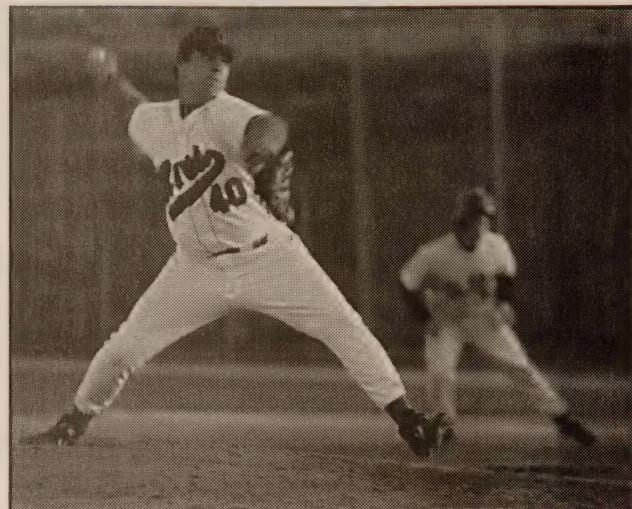


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Mavs dominated the first game; they banged out 22 runs on 24 hits and beat Missouri Southern 22-8. But Missouri Southern bounced back and won the second game 9-2.

The Mavs came out of the tournament 16-8 and began conference play. That proved to be another period of Mav domination that led them to the title in the southern division.

After a split with Morningside, the Mavs took four from Augustana and three from South Dakota. A four-game split with South Dakota State and added up to a 10-4 conference mark and a 26-14 record on the year.

Although the final score of the year might look like an average win,

the last game wasn't run-of-the-mill. To Gates, the 9-7 victory over Peru State was the last piece of his 500-win puzzle. It had taken him 26 seasons to achieve it, 20 of them with the Mavs. As of press time, Gates was within 10 wins of becoming the winningest coach in Mav baseball history.

All of the weather troubles in 1998 postponed the Mav's season a total of eight times before finally hitting the diamond on March 23. Early on, a foot of snow delayed the start of the season. Then bad field conditions kept the team cooped up in the Fieldhouse for practice. After that, the ice came into play. No matter what they did, Mother Nature always won out. ☺

# Volleyball

by Andy Nordmeier

Every team tries to figure out a way to improve from season to season. For head coach Rose Shires and the Lady Mav volleyball team that would be a tough quest. This was going to be the season where they would be the team to beat; they were coming off the 1996 national title and were at the top of the preseason rankings.

The early stages of the season were uncharacteristic of the 1996 champions. The team finished 2-2 in the season opening Godfather's Classic tournament and dropped all the way down to 2-5 after three straight losses in the Grand Canyon Classic.

The Lady Mavs had enough of losing in the first two weekends of the season and rebounded with a four-game winning streak to get back to a winning record at 6-5. The Lady Mavs did drop the conference opener to Northern Colorado in Greeley, Colo. and were knocked down to No. 13 in the polls. Neither of those sat too well with the

team and they responded in grand fashion.

Starting with the Sept. 19 win over St. Cloud State, the Lady Mavs ran off 12 straight wins in the conference, rebounded to as high as ninth in the polls and did not get beaten again until the end of October when Augustana beat them on the 25th.

The Mavs closed out the regular season on a 6-1 run and headed into the regional playoffs as the team to beat with their 24-8 record. The Lady Mavs knocked out North Dakota State, a perennial conference power, and South Dakota

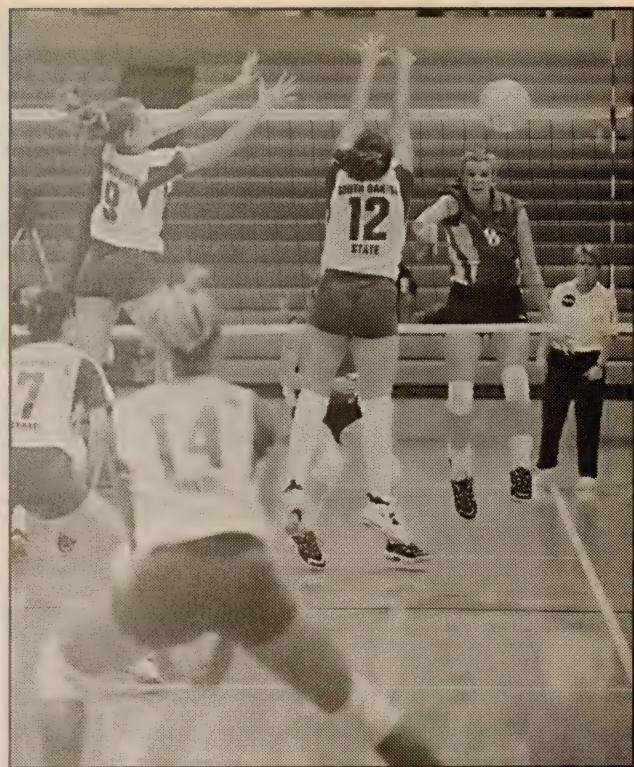


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The Lady Mavs had knocked Northern Michigan out of last year's playoffs in a semifinal matchup. This time, the result would be much different.

It was out of the

the NCAA Division II Final Four at the Activities Center on the campus of Cal-State Bakersfield.

"There were some great rallies and some great offensive and defensive series for both teams. This match was indicative of what the Elite Eight should be; two teams going hard at it and fighting for a win," Lady Mav head coach Rose Shires said.

Northern Michigan (35-2) seemed ready to run away with the matches early, jumping out to a 9-0 lead in game one enroute to the 15-4 win. But Lady Mavs played with the poise of champions, as they rallied back to win game

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**“I felt we lost our focus a bit in each one of the games.”**

—Lady Mavs Coach Rose Shires after being knocked out of Elite Eight.

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State by identical 3-1 scores to get back to the Elite Eight.

Their first round opponent was Northern Michigan and the Lady Mavs knew them well.

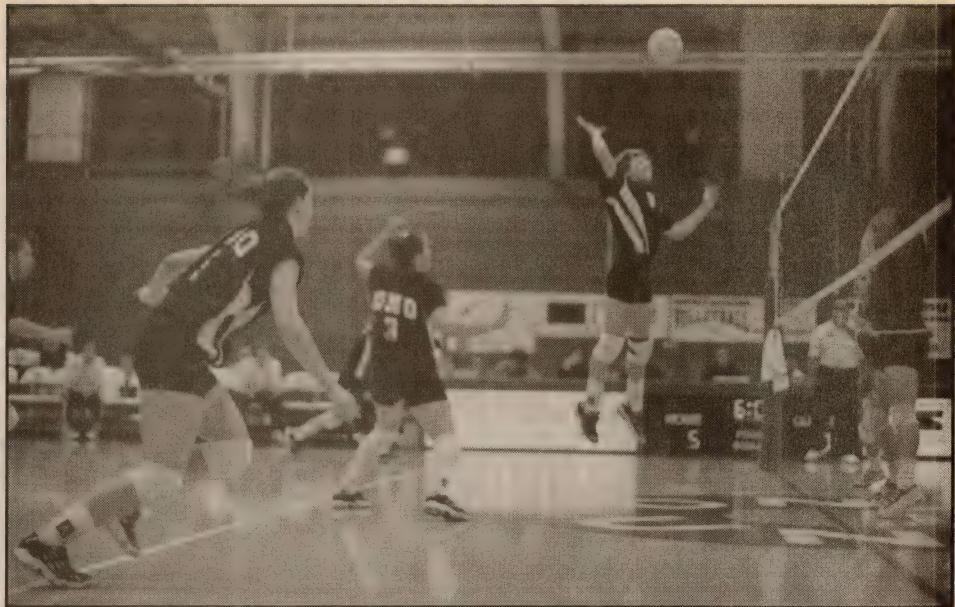
frying pan and into the fire for the Lady Mavs volleyball team. Friday evening, the Wildcats ousted the defending NCAA Champion Lady Mavs 15-4, 8-15, 15-3 and 15-11 to advance to

two in convincing fashion.

"I thought they passed the ball much better in game two and all of the sudden they were in system. And either one of our teams, when we're in system, are pretty good," said Northern Michigan Head Coach Mark Rosen.

After another quick win in game three, NMU had to come from behind to hold off a late Lady Mav rally to secure the win.

Christyn Malone led all attackers with 15 kills for the Lady Mavs. Erin Shafer added 12 kills for



*photo by Steve Houlton*

the Mavericks.

"I felt Northern Michigan played a superior match. They did a great job in their

defensive game and in their serving game. They did nothing we didn't expect, but I felt we lost our focus a bit in each

one of the games. You can't do that at the Elite Eight. We just didn't take care of the ball consistently," said Shires. ■

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# Mav *Wrestling*



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**by Andy Nordmeier and Christine Kassel**

**J**ose Medina was concise in summing up the Maverick's wrestling season. "We've been telling our competition to bring it on all year," he said.

Injuries hampered the Mavs' road to nationals. Mack LaRock was slowed by an ankle injury mid-season and all-American Chris Blair had his season cut short after dual surgeries. After fighting off a nasty flu flying around campus, the Mavs reshuffled,

recuperated and pulled it all together for the conference part of the season.

The Mav wrestling team's year was highlighted by their 18th consecutive trip to the national meet, where they came away with a sixth place finish, five all-Americans and a national champion in 134 lb. Braumon Creighton.

Creighton (39-4) started out with a 5-3 decision win over Moorhead State's Dwight

Ballou. Although the win assured Creighton of all-American status he didn't rest. He plowed through Marshall Hahn of Northern Colorado and South Dakota State freshman Paul Konechne.

"I did what should have been done," Creighton said of Konechne.

That win put him in the finals against Isaac Greeley of Pittsburgh-Johnstown. Creighton was new to the national finals and the junior from

Omaha wanted to seize the opportunity. The match went into sudden death, but Creighton's escape scored the point and captured the title. "This is just a great feeling, it's indescribable," Creighton said, "it's been a life-long goal and I am happy for my family, coaches and the team."

Top-seeded Mav Jose Medina defeated Kevin Jimenez of Southern Colorado and James Short of Gardner-Webb,

but his streak ended in the semifinals with Mike Schadwinkle of Adams State. The loss dropped Medina into wrestlebacks, but he redeemed himself when he defeated North Dakota State's Ryan Wolters and won the conference title.

Heavyweight Jerry Corner came home from Pueblo in third place. After a lost decision to Mike Wicker of Western State, Corner worked back up through consolation, earning an 8-0 major decision over Chris Villalobos of Northern Colorado.

Sixth-seeded Boyce Voorhees received a bye

and an automatic berth in the quarterfinals. An 11-9 overtime loss to Gable Sullivan of Central Oklahoma dropped him

Mavs, Scott Antoniak had the shortest stay in the meet, but was still named an academic all-American. Antoniak's bid for a

first round bye and dropped into the wrestlebacks. After losing 11 - 3 against Damon Broadbent of San Francisco State in the quarterfinals, LaRock rebounded in the consolation on his way to a sixth-place finish after losing to Central Missouri State's Mike Bailey in overtime.

May 158-pounder Albert Harrold won his opening match by edging Matt Surber of Central Oklahoma 6-5, but lost to Mark Padzernik of North Dakota State and Jake Holscher of Chadron State. ■

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— Braumon Creighton after winning nationals.

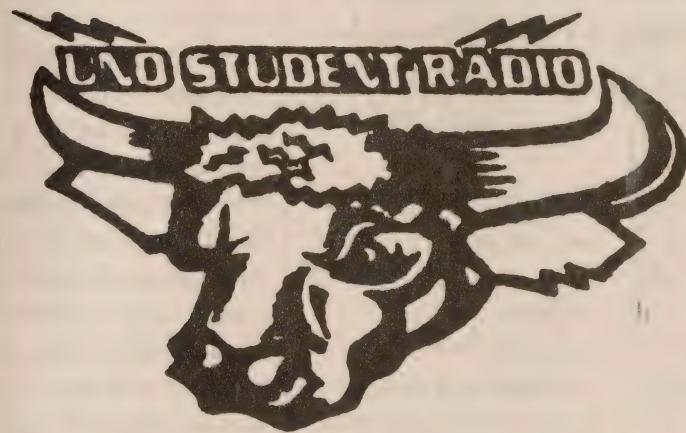
into wrestlebacks. He recovered to set himself up in the seventh-place match. Voorhees lost to Corey Kline of Ashland, Ohio and finished in eighth place.

Of the unseeded

championship was cut short by a knee injury suffered in the first period of his match against Carson-Newmann's Charlie Higdon.

Mack LaRock had a

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# Men's Hoops

by Andy Nordmeier

In 1997, the Mav basketball team sought to improve its previous year's record of 13-14 overall. But somewhere along the way the team took a wrong turn.

The season was full of streaks and close losses that burned at the Mavs. In the opener against Wayne State, both sides battled back and forth all night long, only to have Wayne State pull it out on a last-minute bucket leaving the score 78-76. It would be one of six Mav losses by six points or fewer.

The Mavs' win-loss column went on a roller coaster ride. They won six of their next eight games and started conference play on a three-game winning streak; it would be the longest of the season.

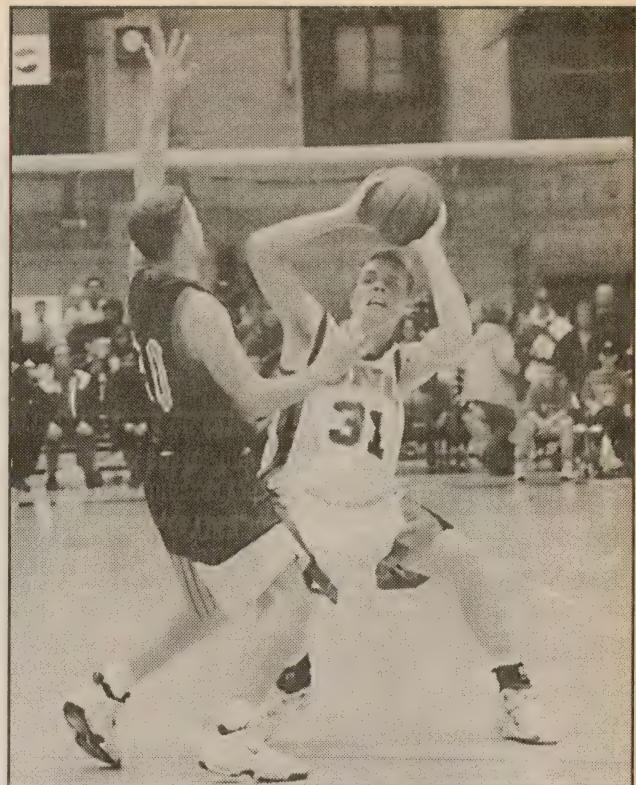
When conference play opened, the Mavs were 7-2. They won the opener, beating Morningside 79-61. But the Mavs went into a valley. They dropped their next four games and slipped to 8-7. Two of those losses, to South Dakota on Dec. 21 and Mankato State on Jan. 2 were close losses, with the Mavs falling five and six

points short, respectively.

With losses in two of their next three games, the 9-9 Mavs had nine games remaining in the season and a chance to improve over last year. Unfortunately, they faltered in the stretch and dropped seven of the last nine games. Of the four games decided by less than five points, only two of them went the Mavs way.

The Mavs barely edged Augustana 79-75 and dropped a two-point decision to Northern Colorado at home eight days later.

The Mavs trailed 10-9 after the first 10 minutes. Brian Trapkus' layup was followed by Charles Thompson's third



*photo by Chad Greene*

man guard hit another freethrow with under a minute to go to end the Mavs scoring for the half.

The Mavs shot 20 percent (6 for 30) from the field and were out-rebounded 26-17 in the

Griffin jumper made the score 40-32 with just over 10 minutes to go. The next eight minutes of the game belonged to the Bears' senior guard Antwine Williams.

Williams burned the Mavs for 11 points in that span and raised the Bears lead to 17 points, 60-43.

Mike Simons buried consecutive three-pointers with 2:13 to go and started the Mavs' comeback bid. The Mavs' Charles Box drilled a three-pointer with under a minute to go to make the score 61-54. Robert Green added a pair of buckets with 18 seconds left to pull the Mavs within three, 61-58. The Mavs were unable to hit

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dunk of the half to give the Mavs a 13-10 lead. The Bears scored the next 16 points.

The Mavs ended their five-minute scoring drought when Kevin Jones hit a pair of freethrows to make the score 26-15. The fresh-

first half. "I've never been through a half like that before," said Mav head coach Kevin Lehman.

The Bears went ahead 32-16 in the first minute of the second half. The Mavs cut into the lead after a Corey

the front end of a one and one and with four seconds to go Green fouled Bear guard, Mickael Allen. Allen hit his first freethrow to make the score 62-58. After the miss on the second free throw, Box hit a layup in the final seconds to end the game.

That trend continued as the Mavs rebounded from the close loss with a win by the closest of margins. They edged North Dakota 71-70 to pull themselves within two games of .500 with three games left to play.

The Mavs did not claim victories in any of the final three, including a two-point loss against South Dakota, and posted their second consecutive losing season.

The team's difficulties were away from home. Finishing the season, the Mavs were 11-16 overall and 5-13 in the North Central Conference. They posted 8-7 in Omaha, but were 2-9 on the road. Ironically, the Mavs outscored their opponents by 50 total points all year.

The Mavs will have to overcome the loss of five seniors (Charles Box, Danny McLarty, Michael Reeves, Robert Green and Tim Burrell) but still have a strong team left to build on. ■

# Women's Hoops

by Andy Nordmeier

The Lady Mav basketball team had a rough season. They started out fast, but then got mired in the depths of a 14-game skid late in the season.

The '97 season saw the second lowest win total for a Mankenberg coached team. They posted a 10-17 overall record, 4-14 in the North Central Conference and experienced the first losing season since 1993-94.

Things started well for the Lady Mavs. They split their first four games of the season and looked forward to hosting the annual UNO/O2TV tournament in the last weekend of November. They edged Fort Hays State 77-75 in the opener and claimed the title after hammering Southwest Baptist 80-64.

The squad was 4-2 and on the way up; the momentum built for the conference season.

Anticipation grew when they won four straight games in the last

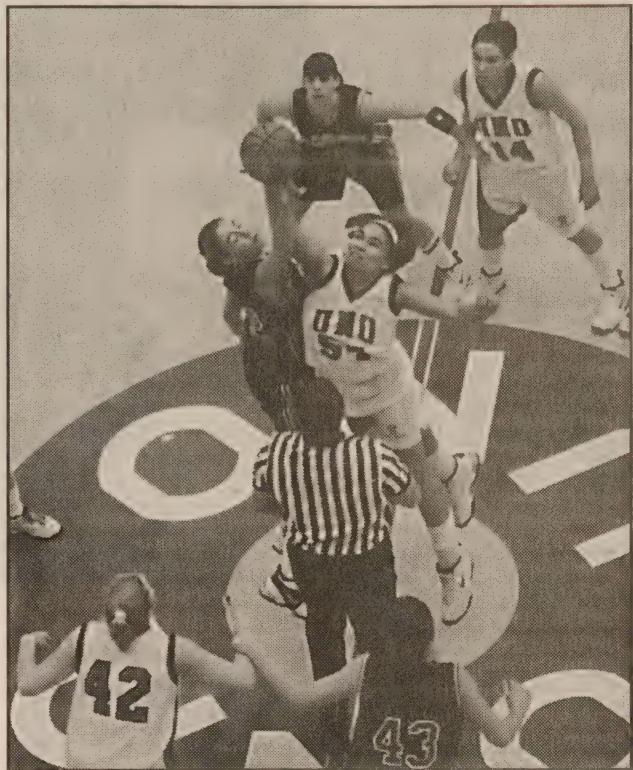


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two weeks of December. They rebounded from a 19-point loss at Missouri Western with a 102-63 thrashing of Hastings in the Sapp Fieldhouse. They added a 10-point win over Central Missouri State, opened the conference season with a six-point win over Morningside and walked away with a three-point win over South Dakota.

The Lady Mavs looked poised to make some noise in the conference. They finished 9-9 in the North Central Conference in 1996 and had thoughts of improv-

ing that. At the holiday break, the Lady Mavs were 8-3 overall and 2-0 in the NCC.

But the team's tune quickly changed from AC/DC's "Shoot to Thrill" to Aerosmith's "Monkey on My Back." The Lady Mavs dropped 14 straight games.

Only two games of the 14 were within 10 points. The Lady Mavs were edged 101-97 by St. Cloud State and nipped 70-69 by St. Cloud.

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hammered the Mavs 101-49 in Grand Forks, N.D.

The Lady Mavs were also slowed by scheduling. They played Northern Colorado, North Dakota State and North Dakota, the conference's top three teams, one right after the other.

Despite the losses as a team, many individuals shined. Six-foot center Jacinda VanFossen stepped up in her final season with the Lady Mavs and recorded three games with over 30 points in each. Those were personal and team bests.

Junior Kim Birkel was named to the Academic all-NCC squad. Birkel carried a perfect 4.00 grade point in education and exercise sciences.

VanFossen was the lone Lady Mav on the all-conference team.

Beth Wilkinson, an honorable mention on the all-Academic team, won an award for the top defender in conference, the first Lady Mav to win the award in its eight-year history. The princess of pilfering led the NCC with 3.35 steals per game and was eighth in free throw shooting.



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Wilkinson also averaged 6.0 points, 4.1 rebounds and 2.9 assists per game.

The Lady Mavs entered the final weekend of the regular season with the losses piled up. But redemption was in sight. The teams they were up against were teams they'd beaten in conference;

The Lady Mavs jumped out to a 12-4 lead on Idelle Murphy's jumper in the paint with 12:39 to go in the first half. The Lady Mavs used a 9-0 run to go up 36-24 but the Lady Coyotes ended with a 6-0 run of their own to make the score 36-31.

Mavs outscored the Lady Coyotes 13-9 in the last seven minutes to come away with the win. With 22 seconds left in the game Beth Wilkinson hit a pair of free throws to close out the game and the losing streak.

As the year ended, the Lady Mavs found themselves at a crossroads. The players who accounted for almost 27 of the team's 70 points per game, Murphy, Wilkinson and VanFossen, were seniors. Coach Mankenberg stepped down to take the associate athletic director's position from the retiring Connie Claussen and the new coach had yet to be named. ■

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South Dakota and Morningside.

The Lady Mavs ended their 14-game losing streak on Feb. 27 when they defeated the University of South Dakota 62-59.

The Lady Mavs almost put the game away for good after Jill Ohm sank a three-pointer to stretch the lead to 45-36. The Lady Coyotes' 7-0 run tied the game with 8:50 to go but the Lady

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in the third period to complete a sweep of Mankato and carry the unbeaten streak to 5-0-1. It grew to 7-0-1 following the Alabama-Huntsville game in Omaha.

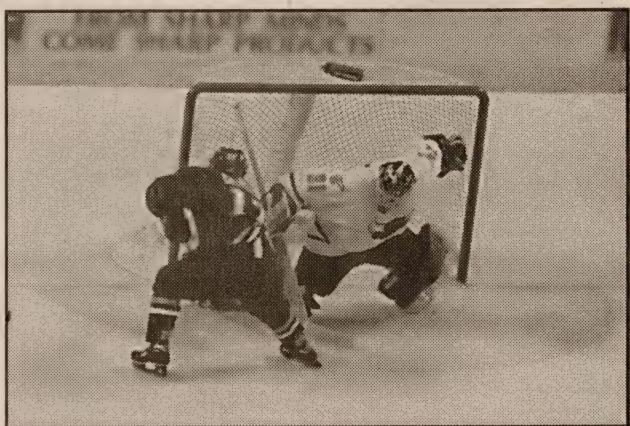
But the wave carrying the Mavs crashed ashore in the first two periods of the Feb. 27 game against the Maine Black Bears. The Bears cruised the area behind the Mav net like a red-light district, scoring 10 times in 40 minutes. They added another one in the third and blew the Mavs out 11-0. Despite the lopsided loss, the Mavs blew back with gale force the next night and posted a 4-3 victory.

The Mavs closed out the season with a pair

of overtime games in the Civic against Mankato State. Although they lost the first night, the Mavs tied the final game of their eye-opening inaugural season the next night.

The Mavs played to sold out crowds when they played at home, building both team and fan support. With a 12-18-3 and a core of youth on the team there is much optimism heading towards the 1998-99 campaign. It opens in 168 days when the Mavs host Maine on Oct. 16 and 17.

"It was a pretty exciting year," defenseman Colin Strom said, "it's something to be proud of." ■



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# Track /Field

by Andy Nordmeier

The Lady Mavs invested in the future with constant training during 1997. The dividends came in a third place team effort in the indoor conference meet, as well as strong performances in cross country all season long.

In cross country, the Lady Mavs dominated their lone home meet in early September. The Lady Mavs swept the top three spots and claimed seven of the first 11 finishers across the tape to breeze to the win.

The next week, despite a Lady Mav runner being shoved into a ravine, the Lady Mavs dashed off with top honors, winning the UNL/NWU Invite in Lincoln. Then they won their third meet in three weeks when they placed six runners in the top 15 at the Dean White Invitational.

Tara Biltoft and Elise Henry led the charge all season long for the team. They finished in the top third of all runners in every meet and posted some individual wins. Biltoft and Henry went fourth and

fifth in the Jackrabbit Invite. At the White Invite Biltoft won and Henry was fourth.

But the Lady Mavs needed to keep up the pace for the conference meet. The Lady Mavs needed to place third in order to run as a team at nationals. But although seven runners placed in the top 50 of the 113-runner field, the Lady Mavs finished sixth as a team, ending hopes of a national appearance in cross-country.

In track and field the Lady Mavs started out well. They won all but two running events in the Haylett Invite to open the indoor track schedule.

In the lone scoring meet of the season at Doane, Neb., the squad won and scored more

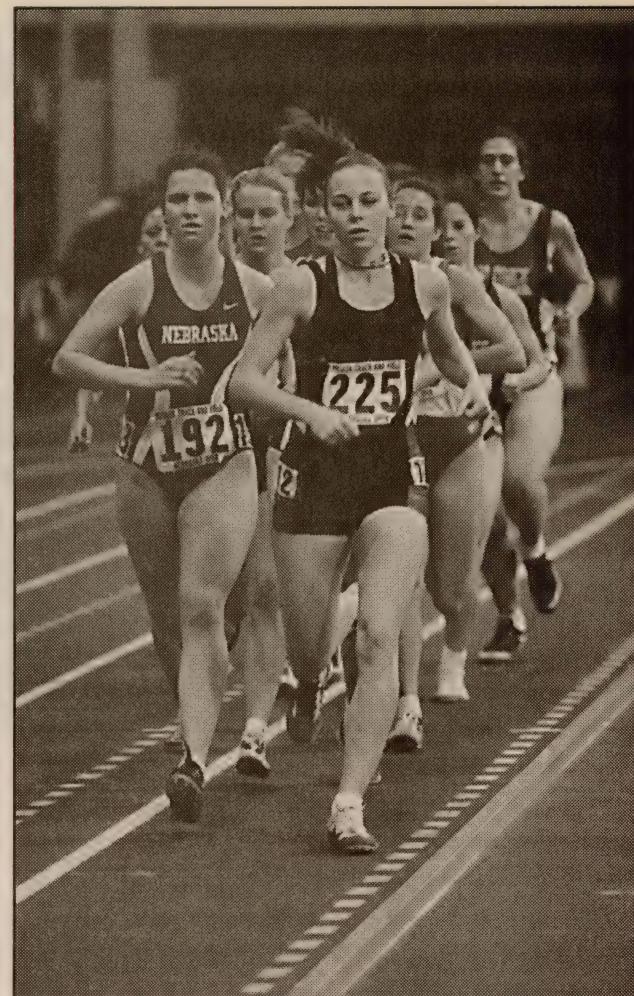


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ence. But the Lady Mavs came up short, finishing behind winner South Dakota and North Dakota State.

At the Fargo, N.D. conference meet the Lady

meet. The win came in the inaugural 3,200-yard relay. The foursome of Shannon Williams, Amy Parsons, Reisha Vanterpool and Elise Henry broke the tape for the win, eight seconds ahead of second place South Dakota.

Other finishes included the 1,600-meter relay team's second place finish and Carri Butler's second place in the 200-meter run, which gave her a provisional national qualifying mark. Karisa Foight was 1.01 seconds behind Butler and wound

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points than the second and third place teams combined. Again, everything pointed to confer-

Mavs won only one event on the day, but had 14 finishes in the top 6 at the end of the two day

up fourth in the event. In the 1,000-meter run Williams was third and Henry finished fifth.

The Lady Mavs swept the fifth, sixth and seventh spots in the mile. Henry and Biltoft finished 0.21 seconds apart in the race for fifth while Becky Goltz was next across the line at 3:23.17.

Butler was third in the 200-meter final, less than 0.50 seconds off of the winning time. Vanterpool placed fifth in the 800-meter run and April Scheer placed seventh. Niki Dorcas placed sixth in the 5,000-meter race.

One of the

weekend's bright spots was Jamie Erkes' performance in the 55-meter hurdles. She clocked in at 8.40 seconds and third place, good enough for a provisional spot in nationals.

The other was Sandy Derby's solid second in the 500-meter run, about two seconds behind a record-setting performance by South Dakota's Stephanie Knight. Derby also tied for third place with South Dakota's Tonya Kneift in the high jump.

The Lady Mavs had been hurt by the field events all season. At Fargo, they were unable

to place in the top six in the shotput, the long jump or the pole vault. A place performance and provisional qualification came from Cathy Craig in the triple jump.

Butler led the Lady Mavs at nationals with a third-place finish in the 400-meter dash. She also ran the anchor leg of the 4x400 relay that took third. The team of Karissa Foight, Kelly Koziol, Sandy Derby and Butler were ranked third coming into the meet and finished 0.12 seconds ahead of their qualifying time.

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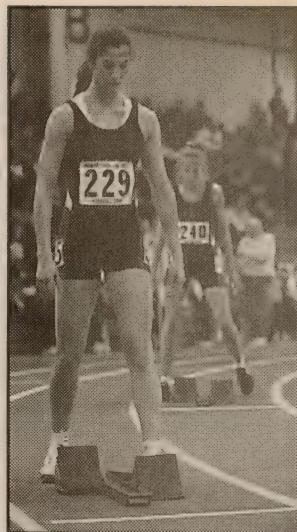
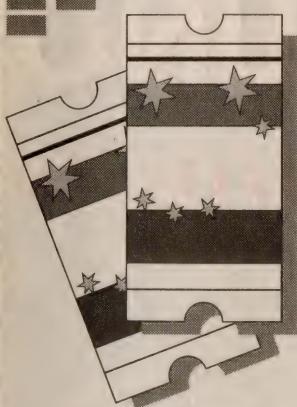


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finals in Indianapolis. Ind. Together, they brought home an 11th place tie with Augustana from the NCAA Division II Indoor Nationals held in the RCA Dome. 



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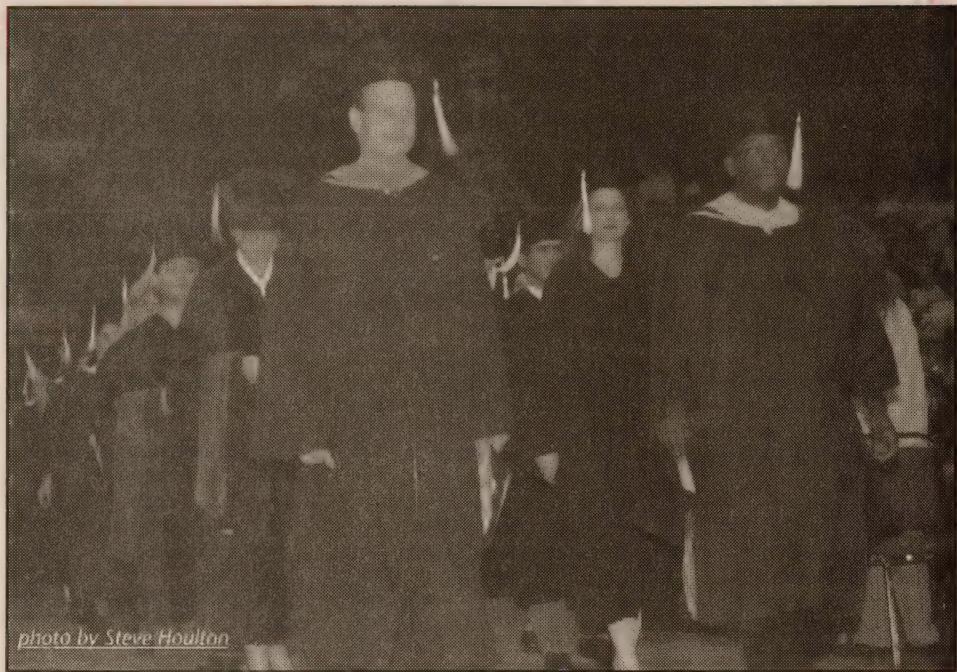
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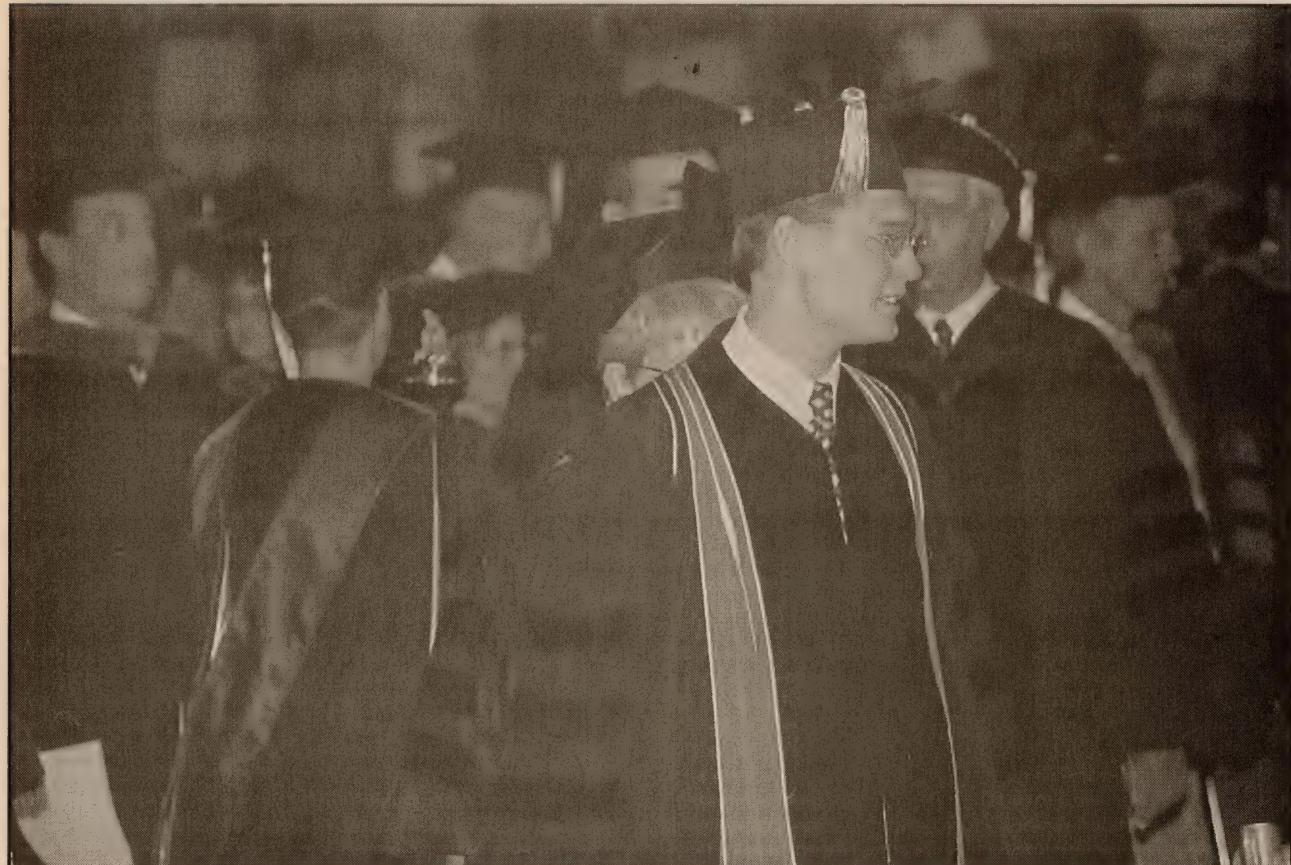
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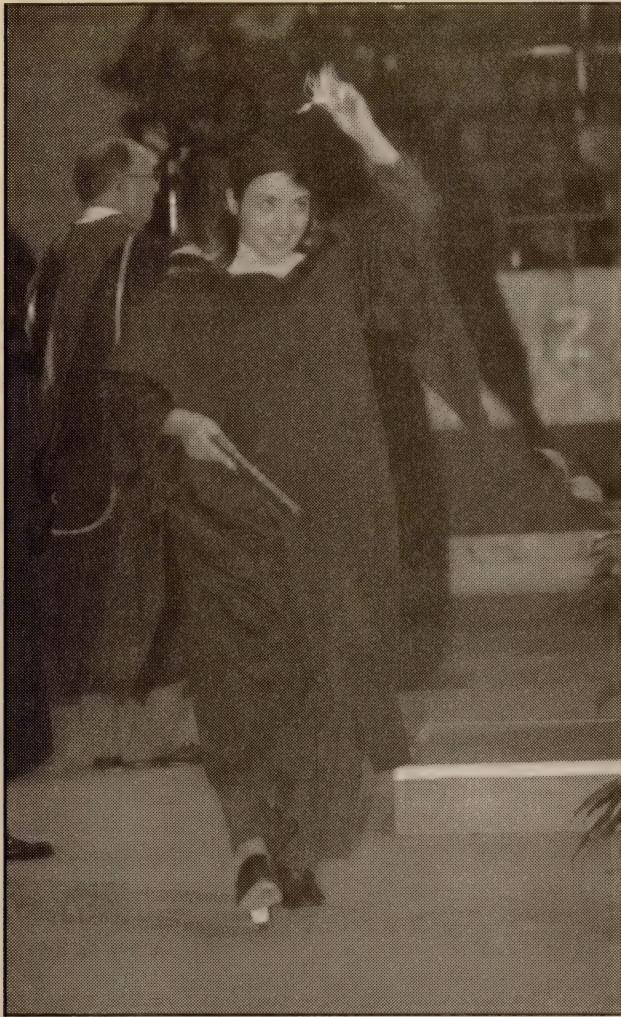
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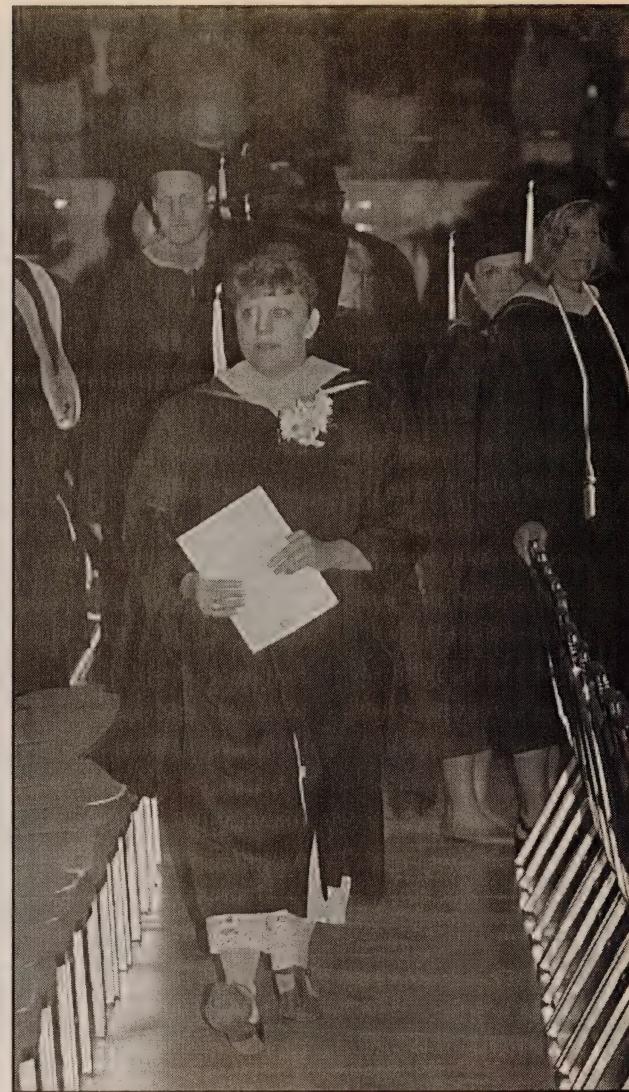


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